



Question of the Week

How do I log my hours of service time spent in a roadside inspection?

Answer: If you are operating a commercial motor vehicle subject to the Hours of Service regulations found in CFR 395 then all time spent as a driver in a roadside inspection would be logged as on duty not driving. (CFR 395.2)

Have you prepared your terminal facility for the long holiday weekend?

It is not uncommon for thieves to target truck terminals over the holidays as they know it is a good opportunity as no one is there. Make sure that you take extra precaution to secure the trucks and items of value at your terminal. If your units do not have anti-siphon devices or locking caps, instruct the drivers not to fill the units at the end of the day. Make sure that all security alarms are in working order. Walk the perimeter of the lot to make sure that security fencing is in good condition. Move units and all other material such as pallets, tires, etc far enough away from the fence so they cannot be used to climb on to get over the fence. Consider blocking the entrance and exits to the lot so units cannot be stolen. Throughout the three day weekend assign management personnel to check the terminal randomly. Using a little prevention and common sense can deter a thief from striking your facility.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday next week and the Idealease Annual Meeting the following week, your next Idealease Safety Bulletin will be sent on Friday September 19.

Missouri Sets Left-Lane Restrictions for Trucks

With fuel cost still extremely high, we see more and more companies restricting the speed of their trucks to increase MPG and reduce their fuel cost. Now we see the ripple effect. Beginning next week, Missouri will ban commercial motor vehicles from driving in the left lane of highways with three or more lanes in a single direction. The prohibition will apply only to interstate and other highways in the state's urban areas. The law is intended to free up traffic by separating faster-moving cars from slower moving trucks according to the Missouri Highway Patrol.

Hurricane Gustav is Coming!!!!

The latest forecasts indicate that Gustav will track through the offshore platforms as a category 3 storm on Monday, September 1st, prior to making landfall on the Louisiana coastline. Potential landfall locations predicted by the various models span from Corpus Christi, TX to the Florida panhandle although the majority of models are focused on a Louisiana or Mississippi landfall.

Below are selected links to information to help you prepare for and recover from hurricanes and tropical storms.

1. National Hurricane Center

www.nhc.noaa.gov/

2. Weather Channel.com

The Weather Channel's comprehensive storm site, complete with a drop-down menu of satellite photos and computer-generated projection maps.

www.weather.com/newscenter/tropical/stormdetails.html

3. Risk Management Solutions Cat Updates

https://www.rms.com/ClientResources/Catupdates/CatUpdatePublic.asp?event_id=2652

4. FEMA Hurricane Background And Preparedness Information

Comprehensive information on disaster planning and recovery provided by the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm

www.livescience.com/environment/hurricane_prepare.html

5. Google Automatic Hurricane News Alert

Simply enter your email address and Google News will automatically email hurricane updates to you. (We have entered the topic “Hurricane Update” for you.)

www.google.com/newsalerts?q=hurricane+update&hl=en

6. Hurricane Preparedness Planning For Businesses

This document contains information useful before, during and after a storm. Included in the document are templates for assigning tasks and responsibilities to staff members, as well as recommendations for developing a comprehensive plan.

www.harriscountycitizencorps.com/newsletters/hurricaneplanforbusinesses.pdf

7. Key Facts About Hurricane Recovery

This five-page document from the CDC explains how to recognize and protect against the health and safety hazards inherent in post-storm situations.

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/pdf/recovery.pdf

8. Sites To Share With Employees On Preparing Their Homes

www.hurricanesafety.org/home2.cfm

www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster_prevention.shtml

