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## SAFETY BULLETIN



### FMCSA Grants ELD Waiver for Short-Term Rental Trucks until April 19, 2018

Last Friday the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published in the Federal Register the waiver TRALA had requested for short-term rental trucks. This 90-day waiver from the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Mandate runs from January 19, 2018 until April 19, 2018. While TRALA was told by the agency that this waiver was coming since December 12, 2017, TRALA had been waiting for the FMCSA to formally post it in the Federal Register so that any driver of a short-term rental truck can simply print out a copy of the notice and carry it in their cab during this time frame.

With the ELD Mandate going in to effect on December 18, 2017 many safety officers have been unaware of the waiver being granted for rental trucks, which had created confusion for several TRALA members. By posting the waiver in the Federal Register, TRALA expects the inspection process to be much simpler for rental trucks.

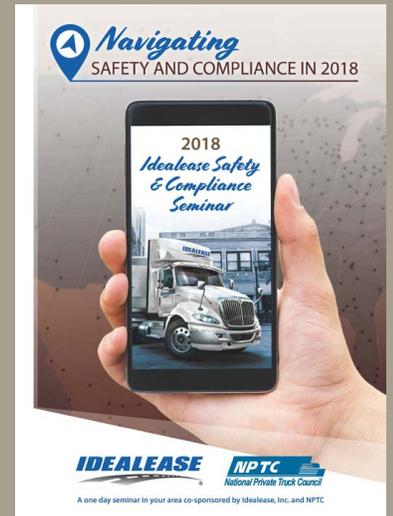
The 90-day waiver will allow trucks rented for 30 days or less to use paper logs to record their Hours-of-Service and allow TRALA members more time to equip trucks with ELDs. This 90-day waiver can only be issued once but following its conclusion, rental customers will still be able to rely on the 8 day exemption from the ELD Mandate for rental trucks that TRALA received late last year which runs for five years.

There are several requirements within the 90-day waiver that must be followed in order to benefit from this exemption. They include:



January 26, 2018

#### SEMINAR SCHEDULE:



3/13/2018	San Martin, CA
3/21/2018	Landover, MD
3/22/2018	Baltimore, MD
4/3/2018	Wausau, WI
4/4/2018	Madison, WI
4/10/2018	St. Louis, MO
4/11/2018	Indianapolis, IN
4/12/2018	Memphis, TN
4/12/2018	Columbus, OH
4/24/2018	Columbia, SC
4/25/2018	Atlanta, GA
4/26/2018	Tampa, FL
4/26/2018	Lancaster, PA
5/1/2018	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
5/2/2018	Ft. Myers, FL
5/8/2018	Seattle, WA
5/10/2018	Lexington, KY
5/15/2018	Detroit, MI
5/22/2018	San Leandro, CA

- 1) The waiver will expire on April 19, 2018.
- 2) The exemption covers rental of any property-carrying vehicle for a period of 30 days or less and evidence that a carrier has simply replaced one rental with another 30 days will be considered a violation.
- 3) Drivers operating under this waiver must still comply with all other regulations such as paper logs while operating a short-term rental truck.
- 4) Motor carriers must have a "satisfactory" rating in order to utilize this waiver.
- 5) Drivers must carry a copy of the Federal Register notice in the vehicle and present it to a law enforcement officer upon request.
- 6) Carriers operating under this waiver must notify FMCSA within 5 business days of any accident involving any vehicle that was using this waiver at the time of the accident.
- 7) FMCSA expects that drivers and their employing motor carrier operating under the terms of this waiver will maintain their safety record and if they do not, FMCSA will revoke the waiver from that particular motor carrier.



You may view and print out the official 90-day waiver published in the Federal Register by [clicking here](#).

## The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) issues Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Inspection Bulletin

The CVSA, a nonprofit association comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial and federal commercial motor vehicle safety officials and industry representative has added an inspection bulletin outlining officer and driver responsibilities during inspections of hours of service specifically regarding the ELD regulations. The bulletin is Intended for use primarily by inspectors, however, it also outlines driver responsibilities when it comes to the process of transferring data from an ELD to roadside software for analysis, depending on the method utilized within the ELD and at the roadside.

[Access the bulletin here.](#)

## February Is Heart Month: Are You at Risk for Heart Disease?

The perfect gift this Valentine's Day is the gift of heart health. Along with Valentine's Day, February marks American Heart Month, a great time to commit to a healthy lifestyle and make small changes that can lead to a lifetime of heart health.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD)—including heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure—is the number 1 killer of women and men in the United States. It is a leading cause of disability, preventing Americans from working and enjoying family activities. CVD costs the United States over \$300 billion each year, including the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity.



## RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S \*Ask the individual to SMILE.

T \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)  
(i.e. It is sunny out today)

R \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

### FALL SEMINARS (Sept-Oct):

TBD	Houston, TX
TBD	Moncton, NB
TBD	Northern CA
TBD	Northern CA
TBD	Nashville, TN
TBD	Dallas, TX
10/16/2018	Kansas City, MO
TBD	Modesto/Turlock, CA
TBD	Oklahoma City, OK

[Register Here for a Seminar Near You!](#)

## Safely Getting In or Out of a Commercial Motor Vehicle

Now is a good time to remind drivers to follow the 3 Point rule while getting in and out of their trucks. During the winter months footing conditions are compromised and the chance of slipping or falling is increased. The 3 Point rule is simply that you keep three out of four of your contact points (hands and feet) secured to keep from slipping or falling. When exiting a truck, for example, one hand on the cab handle, one hand gripping interior door handle and one foot on a step while the other foot is in transition, by doing this you always maintain three points of contact.



If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks , call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

[Click here to learn more about heart health.](#)

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## **Registration is Now Open Online for the 2018 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminars!**

### **Navigating Safety and Compliance in 2018**

Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2018. The one day seminar this year will focus on the new Electronic Logging Device (ELD) regulation, basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. The seminars and will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no charge. The seminar provides important information applicable for both the novice and experienced transportation professionals. [Click here](#) to register for an upcoming seminar in 2018.

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