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## SAFETY BULLETIN



## Warmer Weather is Coming!

*The first day of spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>!*

*In the last week I have personally observed two vehicles run traffic control devices. Take time now to meet with your drivers and discuss the upcoming days ahead as the temperature will increase and we will see the sun more often. For most of us, it has been a long winter. Caution your drivers on complacency and inattention. As a safety director, it seemed that my worst accidents occurred during the months of March and April. My drivers had spent the entire winter, being alert for changing road conditions, traffic and weather. When the road conditions improved and the weather was extremely enjoyable, it was then that they let down their guard and an accident occurred. Take the time now to caution drivers and reinforce good defensive driving behavior.*

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## 2018 National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 9-13

February 16, 2018

### Question of the Week:

While doing my pre-trip inspection I noticed a cut in the side wall of one of my tires; is this an out-of-service violation?

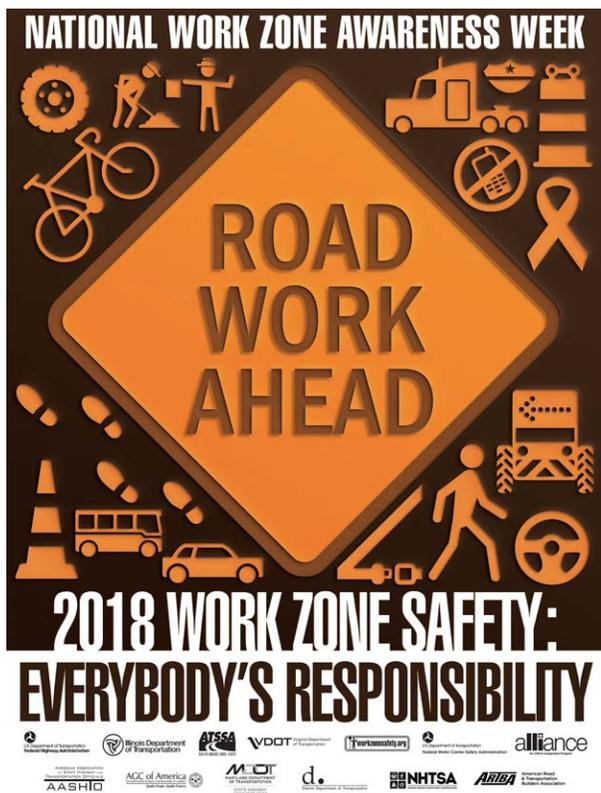


**Answer:**

It is an out of service violation if the sidewall is cut, worn, or damaged to the extent that the ply cord is exposed. (393.75(a))

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Having Problems with the  
[www.safersys.org](http://www.safersys.org) website?



National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones and construction sites. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones. For more information, [click here](#).

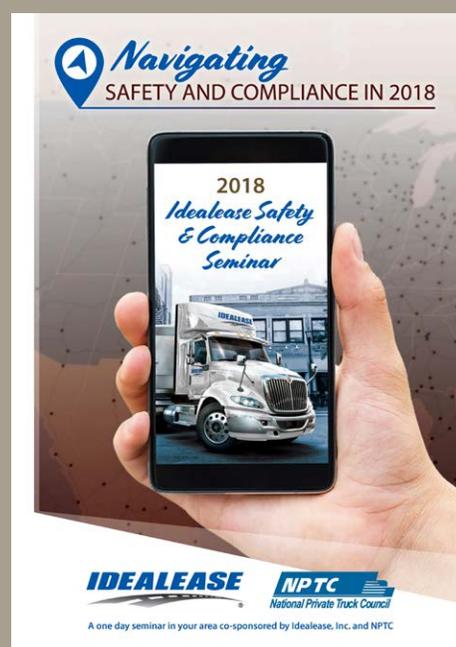
## 10 Tips for Driving Safely in Work Zones

- EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED! (Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.)
- SLOW DOWN! (Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.)
- DO NOT TAILGATE! KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU. (The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision. So don't tailgate.)
- KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE AND THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.
- PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS! (The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely

The FMCSA has said they are having issues with the safersys website that many of us use to access the a company snapshot and link to CSA SMS.

Use [this website](#) until the safersys site is back up.

## Navigating Safety and Compliance in 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
4/25/2018	Stony Ridge, OH
4/26/2018	Tampa, FL
4/26/2018	Lancaster, PA

through the work zone. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that says you've left the work zone.)

- OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS! (The flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely in the work zone. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying his or her directions.)

- STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS! (Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving in a work zone.)
- KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW.



(Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try barge in.)

- SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY AND CHECK RADIO, TV AND WEBSITES FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION. (Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time. BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM. (Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.)

## Tire Safety is an Important Part of the Driver's Daily Pre- and Post-trip Inspection

Accidents are often caused by tires, which are improperly inflated. With fuel and tires, two of the largest expenses in operating a truck, it is important to make sure that the tires are properly inflated. The service life of a tire is shortened by improper inflation. Under inflated tires can significantly take a bite out of the unit's fuel mileage. The only true and accurate way to determine the air pressure in a tire is to gauge the tire with a tire pressure gauge. At your next drivers safety meeting inflate 3 tires on rims with pressures varying by

10lbs each, with one tire at the correct pressure,

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

### 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
10/25/2018	Oklahoma City, OK
TBD	Modesto/Turlock, CA

## AOBRD Malfunctions Addressed During CVSA Webinar

Roadside inspectors will treat malfunction events for compliant automatic on-board recording devices (AOBRDs) the same as they would for electronic logging devices (ELDs), according to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).



During a CVSA webinar on February 7, 2018, the association indicated it will apply Section 395.34(d) to both device types. As a result, if a motor carrier receives or discovers information concerning an AOBRD malfunction, it must take actions to correct the malfunction within eight days of discovery of the condition or a driver's notification to the



one 10lbs under and one 20lbs under. See if they are able to tell which tire has the correct pressure. A unique workers

compensation case I reviewed was for a driver who was checking his tires by thumping them with a hammer and the hammer bounced back breaking the drivers jaw! When inspecting tires also pay close attention to the wear patterns and tread depth. The FMCSA regulation CFR 393.75 requires that steer axle tires have a minimum tread depth of 4/32" and all other applications including trailers to have a minimum tread depth of 2/32". Pay attention to your tires and they will provide many miles of service.

## The Big 12

With March Madness just around the corner, the "The Big 12" I am referring to has nothing to do with basketball but rather is in reference to the top 12 driver violations that an FMCSA investigator is looking for in a carrier investigation. During investigations, safety investigators look at driver histories of the worst violations of FMCSA's regulations. In particular, they look at 12 so-called "Red Flag Violations", or "The Big 12". According to the FMCSA, they always investigate these 12 items to determine if the issues have been corrected.

There are now 12 Red Flag Violations, although FMCSA says the list can change at any time.

The table below details them, along with both the BASIC and the regulation each violates.



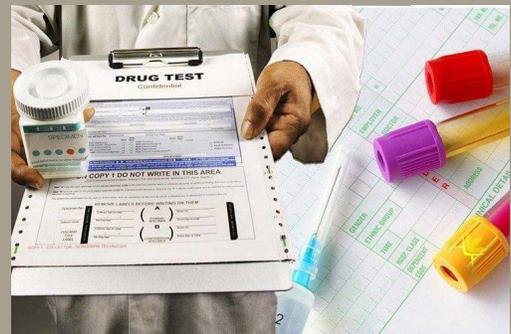
BASIC	FMCSR	Violation Description
Driver Fitness	383.21	Operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) with more than one

motor carrier, whichever occurs first.

## Positive Drug Tests for Transportation Workers Increase 77% Since 2006

According to an article in [The Washington Post](#), U.S. Department of Transportation data shows that the number of transportation workers who failed federal drug tests has increased by 77 percent since 2006. The Post blames the increase on the opioid crisis in the country, although the federal agency does not assign any cause to the increase in positive test results.

The data showed that aviation workers failed the tests in 0.6 percent of cases; bus and truck drivers by 0.8 percent; railroad workers by 0.4 percent; transit workers by almost 1 percent; U.S. Coast Guard licensed operators by 0.9 percent; and pipeline workers by 1.1 percent.



		driver's license
Driver Fitness	383.23(a)(2)	Operating a CMV without a valid commercial driver's license (CDL)
Driver Fitness	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV (CDL) while disqualified
Driver Fitness	383.91(a)	Operating a CMV with improper CDL group
Driver Fitness	391.11	Unqualified driver
Driver Fitness	391.11(b)(5)	Driver lacking valid license for type of vehicle being operated
Driver Fitness	391.11(b)(7)	Driver disqualified from operating CMV
Driver Fitness	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified
Controlled Substances/Alcohol	392.4(a)	Driver uses or is in possession of drugs
Controlled Substances/Alcohol	392.5(a)	Possession/use/under influence of alcohol less than 4 hours prior to duty
Fatigued Driving (HOS)	395.13(d)	Driving after being declared out-of-service (OOS)
Vehicle Maintenance	396.9(c)(2)	Operating an OOS vehicle

Any driver violations identified and addressed during carrier investigations that are not corrected may result in a driver Notice of Violation or Notice of Claim.

## Registration is Open Online for 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. To register for an upcoming seminar in 2018 [Click Here](#).

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