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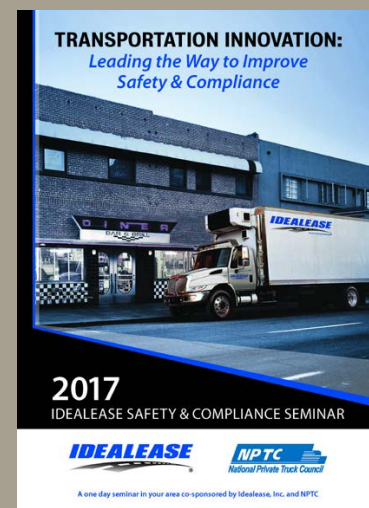
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Back to School Safety

In the next two weeks we will see many students returning back to school after the summer break. Pedestrian-vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death for children ages 5 to 14. Kids are back from summer camp, school will be in session again soon and school buses will be out on the streets. That means drivers need to step up safety around school zones, crosswalks, bus stops and wherever children may be playing outside.

Here are some back-to-school tips:

1. Be familiar with school zones. Get in the habit of noticing where school zones and crosswalks are on routes that you normally take. Accidents, including pedestrian accidents, are far more likely to occur locally on routes with which drivers are more familiar and comfortable.
2. Stop for school bus lights. Always stop for school buses with flashing red lights. Drivers approaching the bus must come to a full stop for the duration that the red lights are on. Some school buses have flashing yellow lights also, which means that drivers may proceed with extreme caution. Bus drivers often engage the flashing yellow lights before the flashing red lights, signaling that they are about to stop.
3. Obey crossing guards. School crossing guards are given police training and the same authority as local traffic police in most areas, so disobeying a crossing guard could get you in some serious trouble. Remember that driving



Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2017. 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 2017 click on the following link:

on major streets where crossing guards and crosswalks are observed is safer than taking "short-cut" side streets where children may be unattended.

4. Anticipate the worst. The speed and distance away of oncoming cars is more difficult for young children to judge. Always anticipate the chance that a small child may run in front of you by slowing down and preparing to brake.
5. Be careful around parked vehicles. Be especially careful in areas with parked vehicles on the side of the road. Children waiting to cross may be especially difficult to see behind parked sport-utility vehicles.
6. Turn your headlights on. Drive with headlights on in areas with children and pedestrians. The AAA says that the use of headlights can reduce pedestrian accidents by about 25 percent.
7. Avoid using cell phones when driving. Cell phones are a known distraction. Never use hand-held cell phones while driving, and never use hands-free cell phones while driving in school zones or areas with children. The same goes for activities that distract the driver, such as changing CDs, looking at notes and reading maps.
8. Avoid reversing. Try to avoid reversing your vehicle in areas with children. It's more difficult to see short children and attend to your car's blind spots while reversing.
9. Don't speed. Remember that the speed limit in most school zones during school times or when children are present is 25 miles per hour. Bad weather, or areas with limited visibility, will require a lower speed. Your visibility to pedestrians, your ability to see them and your stopping distance all may be greatly impaired by weather or road conditions so follow common sense and slow down.
10. Don't honk at pedestrians or bicyclists. Honking at a child, whether on foot or on a bicycle, is generally not a good idea. The noise could possibly cause the startled child to trip or fall and be in a dangerous position for other approaching traffic.

<http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/safety-seminar-registration/5d3ffv/584475389>

Idealease 2017 Safety Seminar Schedule

Date	Location
September 12	Santa Rosa, CA
October 3	Charlottesville, VA
October 4	Erie, PA
October 10	Kansas City, MO

School Buses and Laws

Even if you don't have kids in school, it's not hard to see the increase in school buses around this time. Laws vary by state, but usually you have to stop if a school bus is loading or unloading—no matter what side of the street it's on. Passing a school bus while its red lights are flashing is illegal in every state.

Watch for school buses stopping at railroad tracks. Make sure to familiarize yourself with the local laws regarding school buses. In their guide, "Reducing Illegal Passing of School Buses," the



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that many school buses are illegally passed about once a day. Some buses are even passed on the right (the side children use).

Cargo Securement Regulations Do Not Apply Just to Flatbed Carriers!

Anything and everything carried on a truck must be properly secured to prevent loss of control or falling cargo from injuring drivers, passengers, or pedestrians. While safe cargo securement principles (and of course regulations) apply to every single item carried for delivery, they also apply to anything else on the truck, including dunnage, tools, and equipment you need to get your job done. Shovels, blocks, webbing, chains, spare tires, brooms, forklifts, pallet jacks, winches, ratchets, etc., all must be secured.



1. **Know the regulations**—Cargo securement standards represent the minimum safety requirements for general cargo and some specific commodities. They are available at no charge from FMCSA in the U.S. and from Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators in Canada.
2. **Invest in the illustrated cargo securement handbook**, which includes both U.S. and Canadian regulations for reference. Click on CVSA's store at www.cvsa.org and order a copy of Practical Cargo Securement: Guidelines for Drivers, Carriers & Shippers, 406 pages, USD\$30
3. **Download the FMCSA Driver's Handbook on Cargo Securement** and provide a copy to your drivers. Integrate the handbook sections that apply to your type of operation in your Driver's policy and procedures manual. <http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/-cargo-securement-introduction/5d3ff6/584475389>
4. **Properly secure all equipment** as well as your load—one of the most frequently cited violations is for improper securement of dunnage or equipment, such as tarps, blocks, chains or other tie downs, spare tires, brooms, forklifts, pallet jacks, winches, ratchets, etc.
5. **Inspect tie downs for wear and damage.** CVSA's North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria includes the tie down defect tables for chain, wire rope, cordage, synthetic webbing, steel strapping, fittings or attachments and anchor points. If worn out, tie downs should be discarded.
6. **Brace and block cargo** properly within sided or van trailers. Loads that shift can cause not only crashes but damage to your equipment. And they indicate violations that will affect your company's safety rating.
7. **Use best practices or due diligence.** There may be best practices, established by consensus by those who haul what you're hauling, that are worth following. If your shipment is more unique, do your research, as the rules are established for a reason. Ensure your load is contained, immobilized or secured so that it cannot: (a) leak, spill, blow off, fall from, fall through or otherwise be dislodged from the vehicle, or (b) shift upon or within the vehicle to such an extent that the vehicle's stability or maneuverability is affected. If needed, hire a professional specializing in vehicle loading.

For additional Cargo Securement Tips:

<http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/2017-CargoSecurement-Flyer-pdf/5d3ff8/584475389>

FMCSA released changed to the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) website and FAQ's:

[Refreshed ELD Website](#)

FMCSA has streamlined the ELD section of their website to create a more user-friendly system and highlight critical ELD information.

[New FAQs](#)

Questions and answers have been added that address a variety of questions to include:

- Vehicles with a manufacturer year of 2000 equipped with older engine components
- How the ELD rule applies to the agriculture exemption

[Research Page](#)

Check out our new ELD resource page to access fact sheets, brochures and more in both English and Spanish languages.

[New website for ELD manufacturers](#)

- Test your ELD output files with our new ELD File Validator
- Access Technical Specification Questions and Answers

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

Sept. 10-16, 2017

Make plans now to recognize your drivers.

CVSA's Operation Airbrake Program is holding one more brake safety enforcement event this year. The next Brake Safety Day event will take place on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, at participating jurisdictions throughout Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.

Operation Safe Driver Week announced by CVSA

October 15-21, 2017, motorists throughout North America will experience heightened traffic safety enforcement, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) announces.

Mark Your Calendar:

CVSA Brake Safety Day - Sept. 7th

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week - Sept. 10-16

Operation Safe Driver Week - Oct. 15-21st

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