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SAFETY BULLETIN

The 2016 *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*

**National
Drunk Driving
Enforcement**



Friday, **August 19**, through
Labor Day Monday, **September 5**



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Due to the Labor Day Holiday next week and the Idealease Annual Meeting your next Idealease Safety Bulletin will be sent on Friday, September 16th.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over | National Labor Day Enforcement Crackdown

This Labor Day weekend Holiday Law enforcement officials will be targeting drunk drivers.

The National Drunk Driving "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" impaired driving crackdown is a comprehensive impaired driving prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

Labor Day Driving Tips

The first step towards a safe trip begins in the driveway.

- **Do a "walk around" before leaving:** Check your vehicle's tires, wipers and fluids.
- **Plan ahead:** Before you get on a highway, know your exit by name and



Register Now for the 2016 Idealease / NPTC Safety Seminar

Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be

number, and watch the signs for the exit as you near it. Drivers making unexpected lane changes to exit often cause accidents.

- **Get a map or program your GPS:** Surprisingly, few motorists use maps, even when driving through unfamiliar areas. Knowing the road is essential for safe driving -- it allows you to anticipate the road ahead and avoid a panicky search for directions.
- **Leave early and avoid risks:** Leave early so you won't be anxious about arriving late and to accommodate delays. Know your limitations: don't drive when tired, upset, or physically ill. Never try to gain a few seconds by attempting a risky maneuver.
- **Be aware of trucks' blind spots:** When sharing the road with large trucks, be aware of their blind spots. If you can't see the truck driver in his or her mirrors, then the truck driver can't see you.
- **Expect the unexpected:** Look 1/4 mile ahead for a safe path. Leave yourself an out.
- **Use your cell phone with caution:** Pull off to a designated parking area to use your cell phone.
- **Signal your intentions:** To change lanes, signal ahead of time so other drivers can respond. If a truck is signaling to change lanes, allow it space to do so. Often, it is trying to avoid another vehicle.
- **Do not cut in front of large trucks:** Remember that trucks are heavier and take longer to make a complete stop, so avoid cutting quickly in front of them.
- **Yield:** On entrance ramps, remember highway traffic has the right of way; maintain proper speed, use smooth merging techniques, and don't slow down in front of a truck.
- **Never stop on the highway:** The most dangerous speed on a highway is zero. Stopped vehicles, even on the shoulder, create a severe hazard for themselves and others. If you are stopped for emergency purposes, understand that big trucks cannot always stop to assist you, but most will use their radios to contact the police or highway patrol if they see you are in trouble.
- **Watch your gas gauge:** To save fuel, take direct routes, minimize side trips, and keep a steady speed. Further, a well-tuned engine, properly inflated tires and reduced speed will result in noticeable fuel savings. Have at least a quarter of a tank of gas before you get on a highway. Traffic tie-ups can use a lot of fuel -- and may leave you stranded.
- **Construction zone:** Stay alert in work zones. Traffic may move more slowly, and lanes may be temporarily closed. Obey informational signs located within the work zone.

hosting safety seminars in 2016. The one day seminar this year will focus on the new Electronic Logging Device (ELD) regulation, basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. In addition, this year attendees will receive the mandatory two hour Drug and Alcohol supervisor training as part of the seminar. 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

2016 Idealease Safety Seminar Schedule:

September 20	Lafayette, IN
September 21	Santa Fe Springs, CA
September 22	Santa Barbara, CA
October 4	Green Bay, WI - SOLD OUT
October 4	Erie, PA
October 5	Butler, PA
October 5	Columbia, SC
October 6	Cleveland, OH



Have you Prepared your Terminal Facility for the upcoming Labor Day 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.

Entry-level Driver Training rule at OMB

On August 29, 2016, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) entry-level driver training final rule arrived at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. This is one of the final steps that must be taken prior to publication in the Federal Register.

The final rule, the result of a negotiated rulemaking process, is expected to be based on consensus recommendations made by a committee comprised of a cross-section of motor carrier interests. The committee met for several work sessions in early 2015. A proposed regulation was released in March 2016.

The final rule is expected to require training of interstate and intrastate drivers obtaining their first CDL, upgrading their CDL, or obtaining a hazardous materials, passenger, or school bus endorsement.

The rulemaking is expected to require both classroom and behind-the-wheel (range and public road) training, conducted by providers that meet certain criteria and are listed on an FMCSA provider registry.

OMB's review of the final rule is expected to take up to 90 days.

October 12

Chicago, IL



CVSA's 2016 Brake Safety Week is Sept. 11-17

During the week of Sept. 11-17, 2016, law enforcement agencies across North America will conduct inspections on large trucks and buses to identify out-of-adjustment brakes, and brake-system and anti-lock braking system (ABS) violations as part of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Brake Safety Week, an annual outreach and enforcement campaign designed to improve commercial motor vehicle (CMV) brake safety throughout North America. Brake Safety Week is part of the [Operation Airbrake](#) program sponsored by CVSA in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Operation Safe Driver Week is Oct. 16-22

On August 2, 2016, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) announced that its 2016 Operation Safe Driver Week would be held during Oct. 16-22, 2016. During this event, law enforcement agencies throughout North America will engage in increased traffic safety enforcement and education that will be focused on combating unsafe driving behaviors by commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers and passenger-vehicle drivers.



The CVSA holds Operation Safe Driver Week in partnership with the FMCSA. It is supported by industry and transportation safety organizations, and aims to reduce the number of crashes, deaths and injuries involving large trucks, buses and cars due to unsafe driving behaviors.

Some unsafe behaviors that enforcement will be tracking throughout the event include the following:

- Speeding
- Failure to use a seatbelt while operating a CMV or in a passenger vehicle
- Distracted driving

- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Traveling too closely
- Improper lane changes

According to the CVSA, unsafe driver behavior by CMV drivers and passenger-vehicle drivers continues to be the leading cause of crashes. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) "Large Truck Crash Causation Study" cites driver behavior as the critical reason for more than 88 percent of large truck crashes and 93 percent of passenger-vehicle crashes.

For additional information:

<http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/programs-operation-safe-driver-54vjcp/528938884>

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