



SAFETY BULLETIN

Brought to you by Idealsafe | 847-304-3190 | www.idealease.com



School is Out...Watch for Kids!

Tips for Drivers

- The last week of school is an exciting time for children and they may become preoccupied and forget the rules of the road. Use extra caution when driving through school zones.
- During those last few days of school, be aware that kids may be arriving or leaving school at different times throughout the day.
- Remember that playground speed limits remain in effect year round. Observe carefully when driving around playgrounds and parks. Small children are less predictable and harder to see than adults.
- Watch for clues, a hockey net or ball in the road or on the sidewalk can mean kids are playing nearby. Pay attention and always anticipate the unexpected.

June 12 , 2015

Follow Idealease online for
current industry news



Question of the Week

Is it against the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to transport a passenger who is not authorized by a motor carrier?

Answer:

Y ES, 392.60

Unauthorized persons not to be transported. Unless specifically authorized in writing to do so by the motor carrier under whose authority the commercial motor vehicle is being operated, no driver shall transport any person or permit any person to be transported on any commercial motor vehicle other than a bus. When such

- Always watch for small children as you're backing up. Walk around your vehicle to make sure no kids or pets are behind it.

Time for Spring Cleaning

When is the last time you looked inside the cab, body or trailer of the trucks that your drivers are operating?

Over the years of inspecting and looking inside of commercial motor vehicles for the companies I have worked for I have seen the following items inside trucks that present unique dangerous situations to the driver and unnecessary liability exposure to the company:



Armadillos, dogs, cats, snakes, a folding chair, television on the dash, milk crates, garbage, windows tinted beyond federal regulations, stuffed animals in the windshield, alcohol, drugs, firearms, radar detectors and unauthorized passengers.

Some of these items are strictly prohibited by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and others are restricted by regulations. Regardless of the regulations each of these items should be addressed by your company safety policy and procedures manual to insure safe operations of your commercial motor vehicles.

Please review the following Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations with your drivers at it pertains to:

Items in the windshield, garbage and clutter inside the cab

398.4 Driving of motor vehicles.

Interference with driver. No motor vehicle shall be driven when any object obscures his/her view ahead, or to the right or left sides, or to the rear, or interferes with the free movement of his/her arms or legs, or prevents his/her free and ready access to the accessories required for emergencies, or prevents the free and ready exit of any person from the cab or driver's compartment.

393.60

Prohibition on obstructions to the driver's field of view-(1) Devices mounted at the top of the windshield. Antennas, transponders, and similar devices must not be mounted more than 152 mm (6 inches) below the upper edge of the windshield. These devices must be located outside the area swept by the windshield wipers, and outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals.

Decals and stickers mounted on the windshield. Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inspection decals, and stickers and/or decals required under Federal or State laws may be placed at the bottom or sides of the windshield provided such decals or stickers do not extend

authorization is issued, it shall state the name of the person to be transported, the points where the transportation is to begin and end, and the date upon which such authority expires. No written authorization, however, shall be necessary for the transportation of:

- (1) Employees or other persons assigned to a commercial motor vehicle by a motor carrier;
- (2) Any person transported when aid is being rendered in case of an accident or other emergency;
- (3) An attendant delegated to care for livestock.

Does your company have a policy in place regarding passengers?

What Do You Live For?

Celebrate and Participate in National Safety Month

Everyone has something they live to see or experience. No matter what your passion is, we engage in safe behaviors so we can live for what matters to us.

This June, the National Safety Council (NSC) is celebrating your passions with the theme of "*What I Live For*". By sharing your

more than 115 mm (4½ inches) from the bottom of the windshield and are located outside the area swept by the windshield wipers, and outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs or signals.

House Passes Bill Affecting Enforcement of 34-hour Restart

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a budget bill that would further delay the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) ability to enforce its 34-hour restart provision.

The Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Appropriations Act, 2016 (H.R. 2577), which passed the House on June 9, 2015, would fund the FMCSA through September 30, 2016.

Section 132 of the bill continues to prohibit the FMCSA from spending federal dollars to enforce restrictions that were placed on when and how often commercial truck drivers may restart their 60/70-hour work cycles. Enforcement of the "1 a.m. to 5 a.m." and 168-hour restrictions in sections 395.3(c) and (d) has already been suspended since December due to an earlier budget bill that is due to expire on September 30, 2015.

The new bill would keep that suspension in place until the FMCSA is able to complete a study showing that the restart restrictions lead to "statistically significant improvement in all outcomes related to safety, operator fatigue, driver health and longevity, and work schedules, in comparison to commercial motor vehicle drivers who operated under the restart provisions in effect on June 30, 2013."

Under current enforcement practices, truck drivers may restart their weekly cycle by getting any 34 consecutive hours of rest, at any time.

The new funding bill faces an uphill battle - it first must pass the Senate and overcome a potential veto from the Obama administration before becoming law.

Among other safety-related provisions, the House bill would also:

- Prohibit the FMCSA from increasing insurance minimum for motor carriers,
- Block investment into wireless roadside inspection technology, and
- Allow wider use of 33-foot double trailers.

FMCSA Adopts Procedures Enhancing Safeguards for Voluntarily Submitted Confidential Business Information

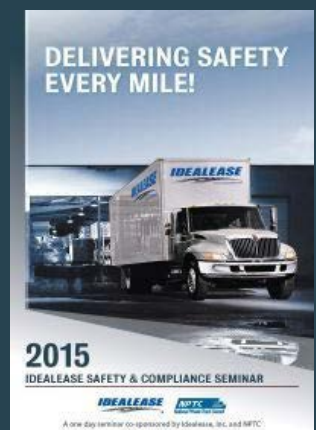
WASHINGTON -- The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has established procedures to further protect from public disclosure certain confidential commercial or financial information voluntarily submitted to the agency.

stories and providing you with resources such as posters, tip sheets, safety checklists and an infographic.

This year, the NSC will be focusing on the important topics of prescription painkiller abuse, transportation safety, ergonomics, emergency preparedness and slips, trips and falls. Be on the lookout as we get closer to June for materials you can use to engage your employees, co-workers, family and friends in safety.

Visit the NSC Safety Month Website at: nsc.org/nsm.

Register Now for the 2015 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminars!



Idealease, its members and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2015. The one day seminars this year will focus on basic safety and compliance,

The announcement, published in the Federal Register on June 10, 2015, as a procedural rule, does not make any substantive changes to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and therefore was not subject to notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The rule does not change the standard under which confidential business information is protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and it does not impose any additional regulatory burden.

For more information, visit www.FMCSA.dot.gov/foia/cbi

See more at:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/newsroom/fmcsa-adopts-procedures-enhancing-safeguards-voluntarily-submitted-confidential-business#sthash.lyRqHupg.dpuf>

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 2015 [CLICK HERE](#).

2015 Idealease Safety Seminar Schedule:

June 25	Santa Rosa, CA
October 13	Toledo, OH
October 14	Grand Rapids, MI
October 20	Las Vegas, NV
October 21	Los Angeles, CA
October 22	San Martin, CA

The Idealease Safety Bulletin is provided for Idealease affiliates and their customers and is not to be construed as a complete or exhaustive source of compliance or safety information. The Idealease Safety Bulletin is advisory in nature and does not warrant, guarantee, or otherwise certify compliance with laws, regulations, requirements, or guidelines of any local, state, or Federal agency and/or governing body, or industry standards.