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Safety Administration**

FMCSA Roadside Inspection/Violation Summary 2016

This month, I wanted to share with you some valuable statistics through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The following information is inclusive of the FMCSA's fiscal year ending 10-1-16.

There are 6,324,298 DOT inspections that include Roadside Inspection and Traffic Enforcement (96.5% of all inspections).

- Roadside Inspections represent 88.1% of all inspections
- Traffic Enforcement represents 8.4% of all inspections

Of all inspections, Driver Inspection accounts for 57.2% of all inspections and Vehicle Inspections account for 29.2% of all inspections (a total 86.4% of all inspections).

Attached is an excel spreadsheet that lists driver and vehicle violations by the number of violations.



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**NHTSA, FMCSA extend
deadline for comments on
Speed Limiting Device
Proposal**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration have extended the deadline for comments on their proposed joint rule to mandate speed limiting devices on Class 7 and 8 vehicles to December 7, 2016. [81 Fed. Reg. 78103](#) (November 7, 2016).

- The top 20 driver violations represents 85% of all driver violations
- The top 50 vehicle violations represents 85% of all vehicle violations

Traffic Enforcement focuses on 24 violations which are broken into 4 categories: Moving Violations, Drugs & Alcohol Violations, Railroad Crossing Violations, and Misc Violations. 14 of the 24 violations are listed under moving violations. Attached is the full list of traffic enforcement violations.

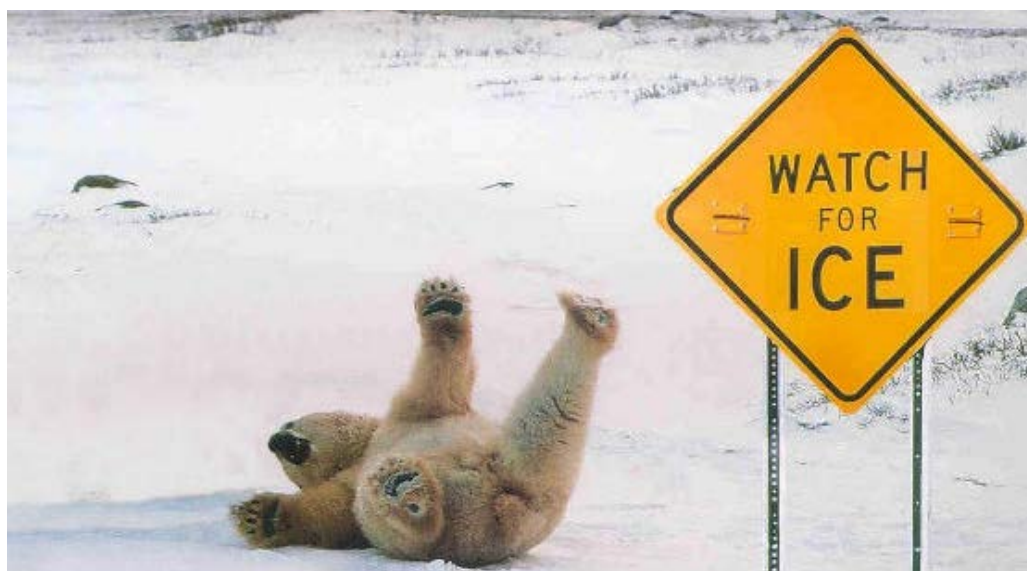
The top 4 traffic violations represent 73.8% of all traffic enforcement stops.

- Local laws
- Speeding 6-10 mph over speed limit
- Failing to use seat belt while operating a CMV
- Failure to obey traffic control device

Whether you have a regulated fleet or not, the information attached is a valuable tool to help you focus on the most common areas companies are failing on to manage their drivers and vehicles.

To view the 2016 FMCSA Roadside Inspection/Violations Summary click on the following link: <http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/20Violation20Summary-xlsx-dl-0/56v7zc/541535114>

The above information is sourced from FMCSA and Mathew Day, ARM, AIS, Nationwide Insurance.



Preventing Driver Injuries in Fall and Winter

Slip/Trip and Fall injuries are the most common type of injury for drivers. Most of them occur during the winter months. Each year, thousands of professional drivers are seriously injured due to not paying attention in winter conditions. Working in the ice and snow requires your full attention and awareness.

The proposed rule, published September 7, 2016, [81 Fed. Reg. 61942](#), requested comments on whether to require motor carriers to maintain devices on their vehicles that would limit speeds to 60, 65 or 68 miles per hour. The proposed rule would apply only to newly manufactured vehicles and would not require retrofitting of existing equipment.

- Remember it is our primary goal that you go home to your family and friends the way you came to work today, safe and healthy.
- Always wear proper footwear. A full support leather shoe with a rugged non-slip sole. Use non-slip covers on shoe (Yak Trax, etc.)
- SLOW DOWN, never be in a hurry.
- Always watch where you walk. Snow can accumulate on top of ice in and around truck parking areas.
- Take small steps and check your footing with each step.
- Look for ice on all handrails and hand grabs before using them.
- ALWAYS use gloves for better grip.
- ALWAYS use three points of contact when exiting/entering your tractor or trailer or getting on the cat walk behind the cab, ALWAYS.
- Always use your seat belt.
- SLOW DOWN!

Slow Down in winter!

FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Test Clearinghouse final rule Approved by OMB

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's final rule to establish an online clearinghouse for CDL driver drug and alcohol test results was released by the Office of Management and Budget on October 31, 2016 and will be published in the Federal Register in the next few days.

The rule is expected to require motor carrier employers to upload information to the online database on any of their drivers who fail a drug or alcohol test or who refuse to take a required test. Prospective motor carrier employers will be able to query the database for information on driver applicants, as long as the applicant gives written permission for the release of his data.

Eventually, the FMCSA is expected to eliminate the current requirement that prospective motor carrier employers seek drug and alcohol test result information on driver applicants from the applicant's prior employers.

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