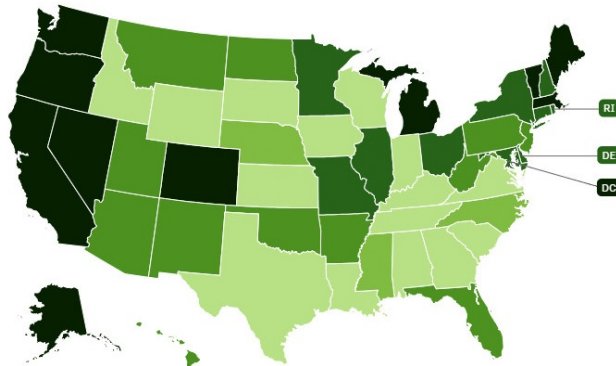


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■ Legalized ■ Medical and decriminalized ■ Medical ■ Decriminalized ■ Fully illegal



March 22nd, 2019

National Work Zone Awareness Week April 8-



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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.](#)

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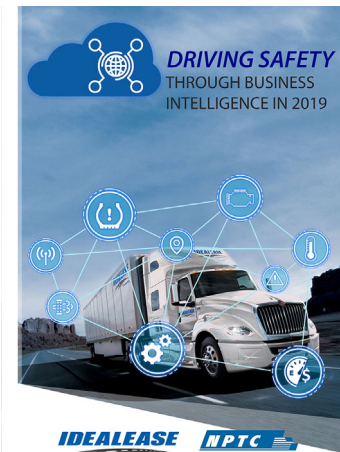
Ten states, the District of Columbia, and recently Canada, have now approved recreational use of marijuana. Thirty states have legalized medical marijuana use under certain circumstances, while other states have decriminalized the possession of small amounts.

The 10 states that allow recreational use marijuana are:

- Alaska
- California
- Colorado
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Nevada
- Oregon
- Vermont
- Washington

The ready, legal availability of marijuana in these states must be coupled with a strong reminder for commercial truck drivers, that marijuana is still illegal, federally. It is still part of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) mandated drug testing (which includes mixtures and synthetic versions). Marijuana is even illegal to transport in interstate commerce. Colorado and California, two states that have approved recreational use, are also in the vanguard of roadside testing for drivers under the influence of pot. Whether undergoing a DOT drug test or a roadside stop, truck drivers should also remember that marijuana use remains detectable for as many as 30 days of use

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It is with a heavy heart that I have been watching the devastation caused by the record setting flooding in my home state of Nebraska during the past two weeks. It is estimated that Nebraska will incur \$1.4 billion dollars of damage due to the flooding. Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts said Wednesday that roads, levies and other



infrastructure have sustained an estimated \$449 million in damage. Damage to private homes and businesses has reached \$85 million so far, and farmers have experienced \$400 million in cattle losses and \$440 million in crop losses. Ricketts says an estimated 2,067 homes and 341 businesses have been damaged or

destroyed in the flood. Sixty-five out of the 93 counties in Nebraska have been declared a state of emergency. Two lives were lost due to the flooding. The devastation is not over with. Iowa and Missouri and are now experiencing flooding which will continue to increase as the water flows down the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to a flooded road, Turn Around Don't Drown. You will not know the depth of the water nor will you know the condition of the road under the water.

- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes etc.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown
If your vehicle is suddenly caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground
- Do not park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers
- Avoid low water crossings
- Use alternate routes to avoid flood prone areas
- Leave your vehicle immediately if it stalls in flood waters
- Move to higher ground if you can do so safely
- Most cars and light trucks will begin to float in as little as 1 to 2 feet of water



To check on weather conditions and flooding, go the National Weather Service website at: www.srh.weather.gov.

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Proactive vs. Reactive Safety and Loss Control Program

At the end of the year you should be evaluating your safety and loss control program to determine your performance over the year. Where do you stand compared to last year and the goal below?

Ongoing analysis programs are vital to a proactive and productive safety and loss control program. It allows managers that companies cannot tell me what their accident frequency rate is and how it compares to years past. Accident frequency should be determined throughout the year not less than quarterly to determine trends and be proactive in correcting losses. Accident frequency rates can be calculated by multiplying the total number of accidents for a period by one million and then dividing by the total number miles for the same period.

Accident frequency rates can be determined for DOT recordable, preventable, recordable, non-recordable, by region, by fleet, driver experience, type, etc. However, accident frequency rates are just one piece of the overall safety analysis program that is in place to provide you with a series of direction on where your program is going. Other areas of your internal analysis program should include, driver turnover frequency, DOT violation analysis (hours of service, drug and alcohol, cover test), OSHA violations, workers compensation injuries, etc. Another analysis tool that you should review monthly is your CSA (SAFE) data provided to you by the

Most of the times the news we experience another significant news item. Company safety, accidents with almost the same headline. These signs indicate the people involved in these accidents are not taking the time to check what they are doing. Observe these signs to the safe with going proactive operations to be in that job.

Keep your back from occupation. These signs can be directly behind the truck. Sometimes they are not in back of the truck. Observe with a camera all around you from inside the truck and project out of your window. Make that your own or ask another.

When where the supervisor is in the same situation.

The price paid in other times, or in the accident, could be avoided or reduced to a minimum. "Adaptation vehicle only" statements.

Never allow through a driver about or without attention.

You can't skip it! Each condition is caused by conditions of it's response, so no patient. Observe!

November 30th, 2018

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