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SAFETY BULLETIN



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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 to You on Friday, September 14, 2018.

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 from America's Road Team

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. Have your radiator and cooling system serviced.
- Plan ahead: Before you get on a highway, know your exit by name and number, and watch the signs for the exit as you near it. Drivers making unexpected lane changes to exit often cause accidents.

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- 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' blindspots: 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.

The America's Road Team would like to remind the motoring public that from driveway to highway, safety requires patience and dedication.



Navigating Safety and Compliance in 2018

Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2018. 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 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 2018, [Click Here](#).



Fall Seminars (Sept-Nov)

9/19/18	Fort Wayne, IN
9/25/2018	Dallas, TX

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, because they know it is a good opportunity as usually 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.

9/26/2018	Houston, TX
10/4/2018	Moncton, NB
10/10/2018	Nashville, TN
10/16/18	Kansas City, MO
10/24/2018	Modesto/Turlock, CA
10/25/18	Oklahoma City, OK
11/7/2018	San Leandro, CA

FMCSA Grants Petition To Mount GPS Device On Inside Windshield

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has granted a petition for an exemption for all motor carriers to allow a Global Positioning System (GPS) device to be mounted on the interior of the windshield of a CMV within the areas allowed for "vehicle safety technology" devices. 83 Fed. Reg. 42552 (August 22, 2018).



During the five-year exemption period, which is effective immediately, motor carriers will be allowed to operate CMVs equipped with GPS devices mounted:

1. not more than 100 mm (4 inches) below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers **or**
2. not more than 175 mm (7 inches) above the lower edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers **and**
3. outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals.

FMCSA Plans Public Meeting On SMS Corrective Action Plan

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has scheduled a public meeting to receive input on the agency's Corrective Action Plan submitted in response to a report by the National Academy of Sciences on improvements needed in the FMCSA's Safety measurement system. The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 29 in Arlington, Virginia.

At the meeting, the FMCSA will consider information related to the following areas:

- Collaborating with States and other agencies to improve the quality of the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) data in SMS, including carrier exposure and crash data
- Investigating ways of collecting data that will likely benefit the recommended methodology for safety assessment, including data on carrier characteristics—such as information on driver turnover rate, type of cargo, method and level of compensation, and better information on exposure
- Creating a user-friendly version of the MCMIS data file used as input to SMS without any personally identifiable information to facilitate its use by external parties, such as researchers, and carriers



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