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## CVSA "Operation Safe Driver Week" to Go on As Scheduled

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's 2020 will go on as scheduled July 12-18. According to CVSA, the focus of the week-long enforcement effort will be to control excessive speeding by commercial motor vehicle drivers. The group noted that despite there being far fewer vehicles on the road due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, many jurisdictions are seeing a severe spike in speeding.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## Idealease Cancels 2020 Safety Seminars

As we see the COVID-19 pandemic continue to evolve with impact to our locations and customers we evaluated the practicality of holding the 2020 Idealease Safety seminars with the protection of our employees and you our seminar attendees during these challenging times. With "Safety" as our top priority we have made the decision to CANCEL the 2020 Idealease Safety Seminars. 2020 would have been our 20th year in presenting transportation safety and compliance information seminars to our customers and potential customers. Starting in August will be presenting an Idealease Safety Webinar series for you our customers and potential customers to attend. Six individual webinars will be released and will be one hour or less in length.

Here are the individual webinar topics:

1. Keeping your driver safe during a pandemic.
2. Who is required to comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations?
3. Qualifying a driver of a commercial motor vehicle.
4. How the Drug and Alcohol Testing regulations apply to you a motor carrier.
5. New hours of service regulation changes and the ELD.
6. Developing a proactive safety and loss control program.

We will keep you updated in this bulletin with the webinar information as it becomes available.

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**Idealease Fall Safety Seminar Registration is open!**

**Coming Soon... Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's License Drug and Alcohol Clearing House**

An online resource for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) industry stakeholders has been established by the FMCSA in advance of next year's CDL, Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse implementation.

Commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, employers, state driver licensing agencies, medical review officers, and roadside alcohol professionals can use the resource to learn more about the clearinghouse implementation, scheduled for January 6, 2020.

The [webinar](#) provides CMV stakeholders with information about the clearinghouse, including a fact sheet, implementation timeline, and frequently asked questions. CMV stakeholders can also sign up to receive clearinghouse-related email updates during the implementation process.

The clearinghouse will be a secure online database that will allow FMCSA, CMV employers, state driver licensing agencies, and law enforcement agencies to identify, in real time, CDL drivers who have violated federal drug and alcohol testing program requirements.

Congress mandated implementation of the clearinghouse on December 5, 2016, outlining

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Idealease and the National Private Truck Council (NPTC) will be hosting safety seminars again in 2019. The one-day seminar this year will focus on new safety technologies available on trucks today, **Safe and Conscious** regulation changes and CDL. The seminars will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no additional charge. The seminar provides important information applicable to both the motorist and equipment transportation professionals.

**Fall Seminars**

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## Heat and your Truck

Last week I discussed the precautions that your drivers must take from the heat of the summer. For drivers to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in a safe manner they also need to understand how heat affects the operation of the CMV. Two areas that drivers must pay attention during their inspections are the engine coolant and the tires!

### Engine Coolant

Approximately 7 years ago the OEM truck manufacturers introduced extended life coolant (ELC) into the industry! With each EPA change the operating temperature of the engine has increased 10 to 15 degrees. It is estimated that 50% of all engine failures are associated with an overheat condition of the engine. With today's emission systems an engine running low on coolant runs the risk of damage the emission components such as the exhaust gas recirculation or EGR. The benefit of using ELC is the fact that you can improve the engine's heat transfer rate by 12 to 13 percent over conventional anti-freeze.



During the pre-post trip inspection driver should:

1. Make sure that the coolant level is within range of the marking on the side of the coolant reservoir.
2. If the coolant level is low contact your Idealease service provider immediately for direction. ELC coolant should be a red/orange color and should be free of dirt, debris, rust and other contaminants.

Do **NOT** ELC with mixed conventional anti-freeze!

3. If when operating a CMV a dash light comes on with an overheat warning immediately pull the unit into a safe parking place and contact your Idealease service provider for direction. Operating the unit in an overheat situation can severely damage the engine.

### Tires

During the summer season, when the ambient temperatures can get well over 100° F, and



some road temperatures can reach almost 200° F, the heat problems caused by under inflation are more extreme. Tires that are run under inflated will be more prone to failure in these temperatures. A very famous tire engineer once stated, "Heat is to tires as Kryptonite is to Superman"... in other words, it's worst enemy. Taken all together, hot summer temperatures, under inflated tires, heavy loads, and traveling at high speeds (not that this ever happens), and

you have a recipe for tire disaster.... that's exactly why you see more alligators on the highway in the summer season.

What can drivers do to minimize tire related issues during the summertime months?

1. Tire pressures need to be checked more frequently in the summer.
2. Tire pressures need to be checked when the tire is "cold" and not after operation. Pressures can increase during operation when "hot" by as much a 15% giving you a false reading.

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3. Inspect tires for punctures and damage during pre-post trip inspections and stops.  
Tire punctures tend to increase during the summer because the tread rubber becomes hotter and “softer” and acts as a magnet to nails and road debris.
4. Immediately report to your Idealease service provider tire conditions that need attention.

## FMCSA Issues 90-Day Waiver for Pre-Employment Drug Testing

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued a waiver to allow employers to forgo administration of a pre-employment drug test if the driver has participated in a controlled substances testing program that meets the requirements of 49 CFR part 382 within the previous 90 days. The regulations previously in effect required the driver to have been in drug testing program within the prior 30 days. The waiver further requires that the driver either: (i) was tested for controlled substances within the past 6 months or (ii) participated in the random controlled substances testing program for the previous 12 months. In addition, under the exception, the employer would be required to ensure that no prior employer of the driver has records of a violation of 49 CFR Part 382 or the controlled substances use rule of another DOT agency within the previous six months.



The waiver is intended to assist employers in clearing drivers for commercial motor vehicle service when returning from furloughs or layoffs where they have not been subject to drug testing requirements. The employer is also required to perform a pre-employment query of the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, make the inquiries required of prior employers under 49 CFR 382.413, and request a driver's motor vehicle record under 49 CFR 391.23. The waiver will remain in effect through September 30, 2020.

