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Safety Bulletin

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over



August 30th, 2019

Due to the Labor Day Holiday next week and the Idealease Annual Meeting, your next Idealease Safety Bulletin will be sent on Friday September 13.



National Labor Day Enforcement Crackdown

The 2019 national enforcement mobilization "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" goes into effect across the country Through Sept. 2, 2019. One of the deadliest and most often committed – yet preventable – of crimes (impaired driving), has become a serious safety epidemic in our country.

Each year, Americans around the country gather to celebrate Labor Day and bid the summer a celebratory farewell.

Unfortunately, the holiday weekend also means an increase in road traffic, with many flocking to the beaches and to visit family and friends for the long weekend.

Increased traffic means an increased likelihood of vehicle crashes, and the festive nature of the weekend, unfortunately, lends itself to instances of drunk driving. To keep people safe on the streets, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to make sure this busy travel period is a safe one, which is why we're partnering with law enforcement nationwide for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign from August 14 through September 2, 2019, to help put a stop to alcohol-impaired driving.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CVSA's Brake Safety Week is Sept. 15-21

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Brake Safety Week is scheduled for Sept. 15-21. Throughout that week, enforcement officials will conduct roadside safety inspections on commercial motor vehicles throughout North America. Vehicles with critical brake violations, or other critical vehicle inspection item violations, will be restricted from traveling until those violations are corrected. Vehicles without critical vehicle inspection item violations are eligible to receive a CVSA decal indicating that the vehicle passed inspection. During this year's Brake Safety Week, inspectors will be paying special attention to brake hoses/tubing. While checking these brake system components is always part of the North American Standard Inspection Program, CVSA is highlighting brake hoses/tubing as a reminder of their importance to vehicle mechanical fitness and safety.

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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.

- 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

The fall schedule has now been released.

Join us at a safety seminar in August, September or October to hear the latest updates on regulations and compliance.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#) for a seminar near you!

Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2019. The one-day seminar this year will focus on new safety technologies available on trucks today, basic safety and compliance, 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.



FALL SEMINARS (Aug-Sept-Oct)

9/10/2019	Chattanooga, TN
9/11/2019	Chattanooga, TN
9/12/2019	Nashville, TN
9/17/2019	Louisville, KY
9/18/2019	Green Bay, WI
9/19/2019	Springfield, IL
10/3/2019	Erie, PA
10/8/2019	Chicago, IL
10/8/2019	Everett, WA
10/9/2019	Eugene, OR
10/15/2019	Reno, NV
10/22/2019	Salt Lake City, UT
10/23/2019	Lexington, KY
10/23/2019	Modesto/Turlock, CA

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.

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 as they know it is a good opportunity as 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.



FMCSA Unveils Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse Query Plan

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced the fee structure for motor carriers to purchase queries when the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse becomes accessible on January 6, 2020.

A query, an electronic check-in to the clearinghouse, will be required by carriers to determine if current or prospective employees are prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions, such as operating a



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NHTSA outlined the plan in a notice to be published later this week in the Federal Register as part of a multi-year effort to learn more about the use of the cameras.



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Have You Heard About the New Elevate Your Driver's Performance Question/Tip of the Week?



Short weekly questions/tips to keep your team striving for Excellence behind the wheel, covering (but not

commercial motor vehicle (CMV), due to unresolved DOT drug and alcohol violations.

The query must be conducted by an employer or its designated consortia or third-party administrator (C/TPA).

FMCSA defines two types of queries:

- Limited, which checks for the presence of information in the queried driver's clearinghouse record and requires driver consent outside of the database; and
- Full, which discloses to employers and designated C/TPAs detailed information about any resolved or unresolved violations in a driver's record and requires a driver clearinghouse account to provide the driver's consent via the portal.

FMCSA will charge a flat fee of \$1.25 for every limited or full query and offer bundles depending on need, though the bundles do not offer a discount per query unless a carrier purchases an unlimited bundle plan for \$24,500.

While the unlimited plan is only good for one year, the bundles do not expire.

FMCSA will require carriers to purchase a query plan to ensure they or their C/TPA can conduct queries. A C/TPA is not allowed to purchase queries on the behalf of a carrier.

According to clearinghouse rules, queries are a required part of any pre-employment driver investigation for drivers applying for a safety-sensitive position and must be conducted at least annually for every driver currently in a safety-sensitive position. NHTSA reveals plans to explore mirrorless large trucks.

According to the notice, NHTSA will first research the impact on light vehicles before moving on to researching camera systems on heavy trucks.

Participants would be truck drivers who operate a test vehicle with a camera-based system instead of original mirrors, or a combination of both. The tests would include track and on-road driving under various conditions.

Drivers who are interested in participating in the study would have to complete a questionnaire before being considered. They must also hold a valid commercial driver's license in the U.S. and drive at least 11,000 miles annually.

The use of mirrorless trucks is already taking place in the industry. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration granted permission for one manufacturer to sell a system that can replace the traditional mirror system earlier this year.

Stoneridge Inc., a Michigan-based technology company, has the only system that can be installed as an alternative to two exterior rear-vision mirrors required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations under 49 CFR §393.80.

limited to) the various following topics:

- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Safety
- Scorecarding
- Driver performance
- Motivation
- Incentives

ELEVATE: QUESTION/TIP OF THE WEEK SIGNUP

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First Name *

Last Name *

Job Title *

Company *

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