



# The Latest News, Safety Tips & More

## April 2021 Edition

### 5 Spring Driving Tips for Truckers

#### Every Seasoned Professional Operator Can Use a Refresher :)

**Check the forecast** - this is even more important in spring. Spring brings not only rain but also quickly changing temperatures, harsh winds and in some parts, tornado risk.

**Take it slow** – with rain, there may be standing water in the roads. Not knowing how deep a puddle is, or if it may be mixed with runoff from ice/snow, makes judging difficult.

**Watch for wildlife** – signs are good indicators of deer, moose, bear, and other large animal crossing you might encounter. Keep an eye out for the smaller critters too!

**Understand temperature changes** – Although the days may be getting warmer, temps can plummet causing any water on the roadway to refreeze overnight. Pay close attention before you head out!

**Don't assume overpasses are safe** – Don't park under an overpass when winds are raging, and tornadic conditions are present. Depending on the direction the wind is blowing, wind gusts could create wind tunnels that magnify the force. **#StaySafe!**

### ONE MONTH TO GO! ARE YOU READY?



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This year's focus is on Hours-of-Service & Vehicle Lighting.

Get your CVSA decal with your clean inspection! *In general, vehicles with a CVSA decal are not re-inspected during the three-month period during which the decal is valid.*

#### Maintain Your Lane! Own It!

Whether we are operating CMVs or personal cars, moving over has always been a "courtesy" move, if you will, as vehicles are entering from an onramp. We're too big though and have too many blind spots to cover. Let the entering vehicle speed up or slow down. That's their call. Own your lane all the time. Making any unnecessary lane changes greatly increases your chances for a possible sideswipe accident. Keep to the right and stay where you are. You are the ultimate driving professional.

#### When in Doubt, Set the Brakes, and Get Out and Look!

Take a walk around your rig to get a complete picture of what you are backing into. Check pavement surfaces for depressions and fixed objects. Look up too for awnings, overhangs, and power lines. Check your side clearances and adjust your mirrors. Use your four-way flashers and give that horn a light tap. Once you have done your check, get to it and start your backing procedures before the picture changes. If in doubt, stop! #safebacking



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