



The Latest News, Safety Tips & More

July 2021 Edition Happy 4th of July!

Getting Back to the Rule, Not the Exception

FMCSA recently announced truck licensing and medical card waiver extensions through August 2021 **IF** allowed by states. FMCSA is not requiring all states to extend this waiver as the pandemic has affected state operations differently. As more licensing agencies and physician offices allow in-person appointments, it is important to get back to the “rule” vs. the exceptions that have been made over the past year. FMCSA has warned that it will reevaluate all COVID-19 waivers by July 1, 2021, and may not extend these waivers beyond August 31, 2021 so act now! Don’t wait to renew! Check with your state too before an item expires to see if they even acknowledge this latest exemption date. #renewearly!

Commit to Improvement

Don’t just have a willingness to try – solve the problem of distracted driving by taking action. Leave that phone alone when you are driving! Your demanding job may make you think you need to glance, read, or send emails/texts while driving but that cannot be the case! Thousands of lives are lost each year in distracted driving crashes. Every life is precious. Help make sure everyone gets to their destination safely! Don’t touch the phone.

Next Up – Brake Safety Week

CVSA has set August 22-28, 2021 for this check. The week-long inspection period will focus on brake systems and components. As always, proactively check and service your vehicle to ensure you are mechanically fit, compliant, and SAFE! #safetyfirst

Safe Driver Week July 11-17 Focusing on Speeding

In addition to speeding, enforcement officials will be on the lookout for other unsafe driving behaviors, such as not wearing a seatbelt, following too closely, improper lane changes or evidence of drunk, distracted, or reckless driving. Safe Driver Week is geared towards all drivers on the roadways. Do your part and be safe out there! You are the driving professional.

There Should Be No Surprises in a Roadside Inspection

While a vehicle could experience an unexpected maintenance event on the road that would impact the success of a roadside inspection, the driver’s RSI protocol is well-documented leaving little excuse for a driver who has a violation or is placed out-of-service.

First impressions are huge! An inspector will look at the general condition of the equipment. The more issues seen, the more likely you will get a full inspection. As for the operator, actions are observed including excessive fidgeting, attempts to rearrange items in the cab, reaching for something, or trying to stay out of sight. (Remember in grade school when you tried to hide behind the person in front of you so you wouldn’t get called on? You’ll get picked every time!)

Your actions, good and bad, impact how enforcement, insurance, litigators, and the motoring public view you and our company. Take pride as the professional operator and be on you’re A Game. You know what to expect in an inspection so always be prepared.

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