



The Latest News, Safety Tips & More

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Thank You to Our Amazing Truckers!



Each and every one of us send a very sincere Thank You! 3.6 million professional men and women not only deliver our goods safely, securely, and on time, but also keep our highways safe! YOU make nearly every aspect of daily life possible delivering goods and resources across America. We respect all our truckers and your commitment and hard work undertaking one of our economy's most demanding and important jobs.

Stop by and see us sometime! We love any opportunity to get to know you better! We won't let you leave hungry or empty handed. A meal and some cool swag are always waiting for you.

You are awesome!! Keep on safely truckin' and again **THANK YOU!!!!**



Avoid One of the Most Common Brake Violations! It's a Simple Fix.

Most brake violations written as brake hose or tubing chafing and/or kinking are simple fixes you should be catching on any pre/post trip inspection. Take time to make sure you have the lines tied up and secure. Anyone can easily spot this type of issue so make corrections before an enforcement officer does.

ELD Violations That Add Up

The more common violations seen on roadside inspections in HOS are for failing to have the instruction sheet and user's manual. Make sure you have an electronic copy as this fulfills the requirement. Download KeepTruckin' or similar and have access to blank logs if needed. Easy fix!



Fact: distracted driving kills. It causes injuries and delays. In general, operators who drive distracted not only create unnecessary risks, but they also damage your and our professional image of trucking and logistics across the country. The scary part is that distracted driving has jumped during this pandemic. Even though fewer cars have been reported on the road, the volume of accidents that have turned fatal have spiked.

In a recent study by the National Safety Council, the data indicates that 42,060 people died in motor vehicle crashes in 2020. That's an 8% rise from 2019. The rate of death on the roads spiked 24% over the previous 24-month period despite miles driven dropping 13%.

Cell phones, billboards galore, eating or drinking; these are just a few to mention. Focus on the road and motorist around you. Short of causing an accident or injuries, distracted drivers open themselves up to fines, tickets, and being pulled over. We all have a responsibility to operate safely, no matter the license type.

Let's work together to end distracted driving.

24 STATES WITH ABOVE-AVERAGE VIOLATIONS PER INSPECTION

Those states highlighted recorded averages above the 1.4 violations per inspection national average in 2020. Be prepared for any roadside inspection during your travels. Proper pre/post trip inspections and regular PM work goes a long way!



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| 1. Connecticut – 2.6 | 13. Utah – 1.8 |
| 2. Texas – 2.6 | 14. Virginia – 1.8 |
| 3. Wisconsin – 2.5 | 15. Idaho – 1.7 |
| 4. Arizona – 2.4 | 16. Michigan – 1.7 |
| 5. Massachusetts – 2.4 | 17. New Hampshire – 1.7 |
| 6. Georgia – 2.1 | 18. Pennsylvania – 1.7 |
| 7. Oklahoma – 2.1 | 19. South Carolina – 1.7 |
| 8. Rhode Island – 2.1 | 20. Colorado – 1.6 |
| 9. Iowa – 2 | 21. Wyoming – 1.6 |
| 10. Florida – 1.8 | 22. Indiana – 1.5 |
| 11. Minnesota – 1.8 | 23. Louisiana – 1.5 |
| 12. New York – 1.8 | 24. New Jersey – 1.5 |