



CSA 2010 An FMCSA Safety Initiative

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What does this mean to me as a Driver?

- For the first time, each commercial vehicle license holder (**YOU!**) will be assigned a ‘Safety Record.’
- **YOUR safety record** will follow you regardless of the company you work for or contract with.
- **YOUR** activity on the highway, i.e. roadside inspection violations, accidents, tickets, even warning tickets will have a negative impact on your personal safety record.
- **YOU** could lose your ability to drive for a living as a result of a poor safety record. Companies will **HIRE** and **FIRE** based on your safety record.
- **YOUR PAY** could be affected as a result of a poor safety record. Likewise, you could earn **MORE** with a favorable safety record!!

Safety Record will be based on 7 BASICS. (Behavior Analysis & Safety Improvement Categories)

1. **Unsafe Driving** — Dangerous or careless operation of commercial motor vehicles.
2. **Fatigued Driving** — Driving commercial motor vehicles when fatigued. This includes hours of service violations
3. **Driver Fitness** — Operation of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) by drivers who are unfit to operate a CMV due to lack of training, experience, or medical qualification.
4. **Controlled Substances and Alcohol** — Operation of a CMV while impaired due to alcohol, illegal drugs, and misuse of prescription medications or over-the-counter medications.
5. **Vehicle Maintenance** — CMV failure due to improper or inadequate maintenance.
6. **Improper Loading/Cargo Securement** — shifting loads, spilled or dropped cargo, and unsafe handling of hazardous materials.
7. **Crash/Incident Experience** — Histories or patterns of high crash involvement, including frequency and severity

As a driver you **can not** afford to get a bad safety rating. That means you can no longer drive a commercial vehicle until that rating is improved. It is very difficult to improve your record. For the most part you would only be able to **WAIT** until enough time goes by that a ticket no longer falls within the 36 month evaluation period.

Where do they get the data?

Data used to calculate your safety record comes from Roadside inspections, traffic violations (citations) and crash data. A new Driver safety rating will be determined **EACH MONTH!**

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Happy Birthday

Johnnie Cleveland
Maciez Zglobicki
Duane Ward
Mike Judkins



William Davis
Stanley Parks
Gary Yarbough

CSA 2010 What can I do?

AVOID ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS!

- **35% of Roadside inspections are triggered by speed.** By not speeding, you will avoid a speeding ticket and a roadside inspection.
- **31% of roadside inspections are triggered by observable defects (brakes, lights and tires).** Make sure you do thorough and routine pre-trip component inspections. Don't make yourself a target for a roadside inspection
- **Participate in as much safety training as you can.** The more you learn and re-enforce safe driving behavior the better driver you will become. Make sure you maintain a top driver safety rating and you will ensure a successful career as a professional driver.

CSA 2010 Interventions

Once the measurement system signals the need to intervene, CSA 2010 would draw upon a broad array of progressive interventions that are designed to advise the motor carrier or driver that their safety performance has come to the government's attention. These steps are meant to improve unsafe behavior early. These include:

- Warning Letter
- Targeted Roadside Inspections
- Off-Site Investigation
- On-Site Investigation-Focused Cooperative Safety Plan
- Notice of Violation-Increasing Severity-On-Site Investigation
- Comprehensive Notice of Claim/Settlement Agreement

Final Word

There it is in a nutshell folks. The better part of this year will be adding states to the system and gathering information. By December all states should be added. In July deficient Carriers will start to get notices. I would expect the first part of 2011 to be the time when drivers will start feeling the interventions. You all know what is going to be needed. The same thing that I always tell you applies. **Clean roadsides and no traffic stops.** It will not matter if you get a ticket or a warning. All you need to do is have a violation listed on the inspection. As usual any questions or concerns see me.

Phil