



Idealease Safety Bulletin

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Driver Recognition Awards

Now is the time to review the driver recognition awards program that you have in place and recognize your drivers who operated safely in 2011. It is important that we recognize those drivers who have performed in a safe and compliant manner. Recognition awards are best used for safe driving. A recognition award should be an award that the driver or employee cannot get anywhere else. It is best if these awards are personalized. Benefits of a recognition award are that they are non-monetary and will have a longer lasting effect. A driver should not be able to go and buy this award on their own. The only way to receive the award and recognition is to meet the requirements for receiving the award. These awards can be further enhanced by presenting award at group presentations with peers (i.e. meetings, banquets, etc.).

As a motor carrier, there are a number of state and nationwide association award programs that you can enroll your drivers in. I would recommend that you contact your state trucking association for a listing of the awards programs that are available. There are a variety of awards programs available for your drivers through organizations such as the American Trucking Association (www.truckline.com) and the National Private Truck Council (NPTC). The NPTC has the Driver Hall of Fame and National Driver All-Stars driver's awards programs that are available to NPTC members. Go to: www.nptc.org to enroll your driver.



Driver Incentive Awards

Incentive monetary awards are best used to motivate a driver to perform. These types of incentive programs are successful in motivating the driver to achieve a specific goal such a certain fuel mileage or a clean roadside inspection.



Safely Getting In or Out of a Commercial Motor Vehicle

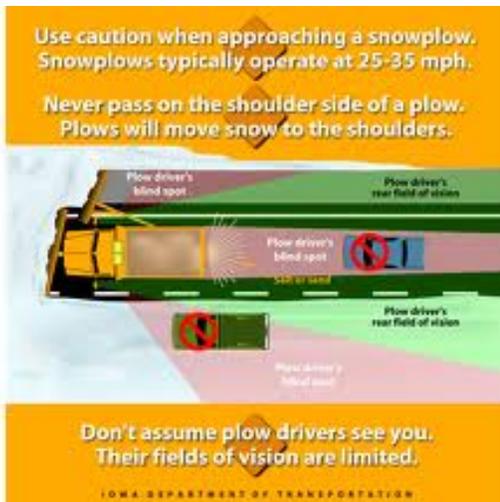
Now is a good time to remind drivers to follow the 3 Point rule while getting in and out of their trucks. During the winter months footing conditions are compromised and the chance of slipping or falling is increased. The 3 Point rule is simply that you keep three out of four of your contact points (hands and feet) secured to keep from slipping or falling. When exiting a truck, for example, one hand on the cab handle, one hand gripping interior door handle and one foot on a step while the other foot is in transition, by doing this you always maintain three points of contact.

Safe Travel around Snow Plows

Don't crowd the plow. Snowplows plow far and wide—sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing operations. Plows also turn and exit the road frequently.

Don't tailgate or stop too close behind snowplows. Snowplows are usually spreading deicing materials from the back of the truck and those materials can damage vehicle paint. Plows also may need to stop or take evasive

action to avoid stranded vehicles. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay behind it or use caution when passing. The road behind a snowplow will be safer to drive on and on multiple lane roads, watch for snowplows operating in either lane. Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds while removing snow and ice from the roads. When you spot a plow, allow plenty of time to slow down. A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them but they may not see you.



Registration is now open on line for the 2012 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminars!

Upcoming seminars to be held in March:

- March 13-Madison, WI
- March 14- Youngstown, OH
- March 15- Cleveland, OH
- March 20- Ventura, CA
- March 21- Los Angeles, CA
- March 22- Santa Fe Springs, CA
- March 27- Atlanta, GA
- March 28- Chattanooga, TN
- March 29- Nashville, TN

NEW FOR 2012 SEMINARS!!!!

This year during the seminar you will receive Drug and Alcohol Supervisor Training. This training meets the requirements of FMCSA CFR 382.603 that requires all supervisors of commercial motor vehicle drivers to have the training for reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol testing.

To view the full schedule of all seminars in 2012 and to register for a seminar click on:

www.Idealease.com/safety