



Idealease Safety Bulletin

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Brake Safety Week September 9-15th

Throughout the week of Sept 9th, CVSA (certified inspectors, brake suppliers and industry partners) will conduct enforcement and education activities with drivers and mechanics at truck stops, weigh stations and other locations.

CVSA (certified officers) will conduct Level I and Brake-Only inspections and will deploy performance-based brake testers at a number of inspection locations. In addition, CVSA officers will administer driver surveys and distribute educational brochures.

Your Truck is No Match for a Train!

Ever think how many times a day on your route you cross a train track? Most of the time we take for granted that there is not a train coming and proceed crossing the track.



Take time to download the driver's guide and take the safety quiz.

Download: *Stay Alive When You Drive- Professional Driver's Guide and Safety Quiz*
(12 pages, PDF format)

Six Safety Tips for Truck Drivers

- 1) At 55 mph, it can take a mile or more to stop a train.
- 2) Stop no closer than 15 feet (one car length) from the crossing. If you are in traffic, don't start if you can't safely clear the crossing.
- 3) Note the overhang – both for your truck and a train – of 3 feet or more.
- 4) Make sure that trailer jacks are in the up position - non-retracted trailer jacks can cause trailers to become stuck on crossings.
- 5) Cell phones are the top distraction for all drivers.
- 6) If you get stuck at the crossing, get out, call the 800 number posted at the crossing, or call the local police to alert trains of your position. (*Information provide by Operation Lifesaver*)

Have you prepared your terminal facility for the upcoming Labor Day weekend?

It is not uncommon for thieves to target truck terminals over the holidays as they know it is a good opportunity as no one is there. Make sure that you take extra precaution to secure the trucks and items of value at your terminal. If your units do not have anti-siphon devices or locking caps, instruct the drivers not to fill the units at the end of the day. Make sure that all security alarms are in working order. Walk the perimeter of the lot to

make sure that security fencing is in good condition. Move units and all other material such as pallets, tires, etc far enough away from the fence so they cannot be used to climb on to get over the fence.

Consider blocking the entrance and exits to the lot so units cannot be stolen. Throughout the three day weekend assign management personnel to check the terminal randomly. Using a little prevention and common sense can deter a thief from striking your facility.



Due to the Labor Day Holiday next week and the Idealease Annual meeting your next Idealease Safety Bulletin will be sent to you on Friday September 11.

NEWS

CVSA Brake Safety Week

-September 9-15, 2012.

The CVSA will be completing additional education and enforcement during this week.

Truck Driver Appreciation Week

-September 16 - 22, 2012

****Make your plans now to recognize your drivers. Show them how much you appreciate the work they do every day.***