



Idealease Safety Bulletin

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SAVE THE DATE!!

2012 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminar Schedule

Idealease, its affiliates and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2012. The one-day seminars next year will focus on basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. The seminars will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no charge. The seminar provides important information applicable for both the novice and experienced transportation professionals.

We will again be providing registration for the safety seminars by web access. Registration information will be provided in an upcoming safety bulletin.



March 13- Madison, WI
March 14- Youngstown, OH
March 15- Cleveland, OH
March 20- Ventura, CA
March 21- Huntington Park, CA
March 22- Santa Fe Springs, CA
March 27- Atlanta, GA
March 28- Chattanooga, TN
March 29- Nashville, TN
April 03- Baltimore, MD
April 04- Hyattsville, MD
April 05- Charlottesville, VA
April 10- Springfield, IL
April 11- Wausau, WI

April 11- Harrisburg, PA
April 12- Philadelphia, PA
April 12- Minneapolis, MN
April 18- Sacramento, CA
April 19- San Leandro, CA
April 19- Kansas City, KS
April 24- Monroe, LA
April 25- Tupelo, MS
April 26- Memphis, TN
May 02- Flint, MI
May 02- Charlotte, NC
May 03- Elkhart, IN
May 03- Columbia, SC
May 08- Grand Junction, CO
May 10- Denver, CO
May 23- Kelowna, BC

3 Point Rule!

(No, I am not talking Basketball)

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.

Question of the Week:

With the upcoming holidays, what regulations are in place pertaining to alcohol consumption and driving a commercial motor vehicle?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations address use of alcohol by any commercial driver (>10,000lbs MGWR) in §392.5 No driver shall— Use alcohol, as defined in [§382.107](#) of this subchapter, or be under the influence of alcohol, within 4 hours before going on duty or operating, or having physical control of, a commercial motor vehicle; or use alcohol, be under the influence of alcohol, or have any measured alcohol concentration or detected presence of alcohol, while on duty, or operating, or in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle. There are additional provisions to this regulation, please read 392.5 in its entirety. Any driver who is found to be in violation of these regulations shall be placed out-of-service immediately for a period of 24 hours.

Additional FMCSR Regulations apply to drivers who are operating a CMV with a CDL and can be found in and CFR 382 such as random, post accident and reasonable suspicion testing. CFR

[§383.51](#) addresses disqualification of a CDL for alcohol violations in a CMV and a NON-CMV.

The bottom line is that a driver of a commercial motor vehicle jeopardizes his/her license and job anytime they drive any type of motor vehicle under the influence of Alcohol.

