

Right-of-Way

While investigating accidents over the years and talking with drivers, many times the driver would state, “I had the right-of-way.”

What does this really mean?

When we have the right-of-way, does this allow us to proceed without regard for other vehicles?

The FMCSA in their accident countermeasure program addresses “Right-of-Way” as follows:

Objective: To prevent accidents by drivers giving right-of-way until it is apparent that right-of-way is being given by the other driver.

Description: Generally, the driver who arrives last gives right-of-way to those who were already there.

- You give right-of-way when entering traffic.
- You give right-of-way when turning left in front of approaching traffic.
- You give right-of-way when changing lanes.
- You move into your intended path or direction only after you are assured you will not conflict with other traffic.



As a Transportation Manager you should ask yourself the following:

1. Do my drivers understand the meaning of right-of-way?
2. Periodically, do you have a qualified person ride with your drivers to evaluate their behavior in right-of-way situations?
3. Do you have a realistic scheduling policy that does not encourage drivers to take right-of-way rather than give it?
4. Are the drivers aware of the concept of "preventable accident"?

Tips for Drivers concerning Right-of-Way:

- Do not force other drivers to brake or steer because of your obstructive maneuver into their path.
- Assume other drivers will not see you and avoid you when you maneuver into their path.
- Move into your intended path or direction only after you are assured you will not conflict with other traffic.

Question of the Week

While doing my pre-trip inspection I noticed a cut in the side wall of one of my tires, is this out of service violation?

Answer: It is an out of service violation if the sidewall is cut, worn, or damaged to the extent that the ply cord is exposed. (FMCSA CFR 393.75)

Registration is now open on line for the 2013 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminars

Idealease, its affiliates and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2013. The one day seminars this year will focus on basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. The seminars and 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. To view the schedule and register for an upcoming seminar in 2013 click on the following link:

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2013 Idealease/Safety Seminar Schedule

19-Feb: Mobile, AL
26-Feb: El Paso, TX
27-Feb: Phoenix, AZ
28-Feb: Seattle, WA
20-Mar: Los Angeles, CA
21-Mar: Santa Fe Springs, CA
26-Mar: Memphis, TN
28-Mar: Atlanta, GA

2-Apr: Hyattsville, MD
3-Apr: Baltimore, MD
4-Apr: Harrisburg, PA
9-Apr: Milwaukee, WI
10-Apr: Fort Wayne, IN
11-Apr: Green Bay, WI
11-Apr: Grand Rapids, MI
17-Apr: Sacramento, CA

18-Apr: San Leandro, CA
18-Apr: Orlando, FL
23-Apr: Altoona, IA
24-Apr: Oklahoma City, OK
25-Apr: Chattanooga, TN
25-Apr: Dallas, TX
8-May: Denver, CO
9-May: Mississauga, Ontario