



# Idealease Safety Bulletin

Brought to you by Idealsafe 847-304-3190 Website: [www.idealease.com](http://www.idealease.com)

April 12, 2013

## Next Week is National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 15-19.

Each year in April, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. Since 1999, FHWA has worked with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) to coordinate and sponsor the event.

### 10 Tips for Driving Safely in Work Zones

- **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!** (Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.)
- **SLOW DOWN!** (Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.)
- **DON'T TAILGATE! KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU.** (The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision. So, don't tailgate.)
- **KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE AND THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.**
- **PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS!** (The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that says you've left the work zone.)
- **OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS!** (The flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely in the work zone. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying his or her directions.)
- **STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS!** (Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving in a work zone.)
- **KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW.** (Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try barge in.)
- **SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY AND CHECK RADIO, TV AND WEBSITES FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION.** (Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time. Check the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse - <http://wzsafety.tamu.edu> - for information on work zone delays throughout the country.)
- **BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.** (Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.)



# FMCSA National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

The National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners is a new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration program that requires all medical examiners who wish to perform physical examinations for interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers to be trained and certified in FMCSA physical qualification standards. Medical examiners that have completed the training and successfully passed the test are included in an online directory on the National Registry website. As of May 2014, CMV drivers will be required to be examined and qualified only by an ME who is listed on the National Register.



**The FMCSA has recently opened the Website:**

<http://nrcme.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

## Now is the time to register for a 2013 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminar...Only 9 left that you can attend!

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:

[www.Idealease.com/safety](http://www.Idealease.com/safety)



### 2013 Idealease/Safety Seminar Schedule

**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**