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Thank You ALL!



My, how the world has changed in the past month. As I try to make any sense of this pandemic, I keep coming back to a feeling of full appreciation, pride and thanksgiving for you- our customers, our locations and suppliers that make it possible to operate every day. Our customers' drivers are on the front-line picking up medical waste, delivering food, beverages, medical supplies and rental equipment needed for hospitals, while potentially exposing themselves to this deadly virus. Then there are our technicians and service managers who are keeping our units repaired and maintained for our customers to make their deliveries. And let's not forget our suppliers who continue to keep their manufacturing plants up and running, producing necessary parts for service and repairs. Our local vendors are making roadside calls, replacing tires and towing our units in the event they break down. And lastly, there are the Idealease corporate personnel who are behind the scenes maintaining all our services and support without skipping a beat for our locations and customers while working from home. Yet all these people I have mentioned are doing their jobs every day while making sure their family at home is safe and taken care of. As you can see, it takes ALL of us together to make sure the supply chain stays intact, and our fellow citizens receive lifesaving essential services, food, beverages, medical supplies, etc.

On behalf of Idealease, Thank You All!

TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE IT THROUGH THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19.



April 3, 2020



National Work Zone Awareness Week April 20-24

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones and construction sites. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones. [For more information, click here.](#)

Stay Safe and Take Care!



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.
- 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.
- Most States have a 511 Road condition app that you can download to your smart device.



CVSA Publishes 2020 North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria



The 2020 North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC) was published by the Commercial Vehicle



Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2020. The one-day seminar this year will focus on new safety technologies available on trucks today, basic safety and compliance, regulation changes, load securement 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.



Spring Dates

7/22/2020 Santa Rosa, CA

Fall Dates

8/27/2020 Nashville, TN
 9/23/2020 Brantford, ON
 9/23/2020 Indianapolis, IN
 9/29/2020 Fort Wayne, IN
 10/1/2020 Oklahoma City, OK
 10/7/2020 Eugene, OR
 10/13/2020 Charlottesville, VA
 10/20/2020 Dallas, TX
 10/22/2020 Birmingham, AL
 10/29/2020 Phoenix, AZ

Please [Click Here](#) to view a schedule of Safety Seminars offered.

Safety Alliance (CVSA) and went into effect on April 1.

The OOSC is the decision-making guide officers use to determine if a driver or vehicle with a violation will be allowed to leave the inspection site. If the violation is covered by the OOSC, the officer will require the violation to be corrected before the driver or vehicle will be allowed to continue.

Significant changes

This year's OOSC includes many technical changes. The following are among the most significant:

- Drivers that have a disqualifying violation listed in the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse will be placed out of service (OOS). (See below for more details.)
- All references to automatic on-board recording devices (AOBRDs) were removed. Drivers will be placed OOS if found using an AOBRD in place of an ELD. While this has been the case since last December, dropping all AOBRD references clearly shows ELDs are the only compliant electronic log (though drivers do have the option to use other electronic devices when allowed to use paper logs).
- Drivers who do not have a log in Canada will no longer automatically be placed OOS for 72 hours. Once drivers provide a log that shows they comply, they will be released. Note that drivers should be prepared to have their logs examined with a fine-tooth comb after receiving a violation.
- Defects involving sway bars that are not involved in axle positioning are no longer an OOS violation. Any missing or unsecured securement devices on the manhole cover on a tank containing hazardous materials will be considered an OOS condition.

Clearinghouse specifics

When a disqualifying entry is entered in the Clearinghouse, an entry stating that the driver is prohibited from operating commercial vehicles under §382.501(a) will appear on the motor vehicle record (MVR) system that officers use. The entry will remain visible in the law enforcement MVRs until:

- The driver completes the substance abuse professional (SAP) evaluation and treatment process,
- The SAP enters the completion of the evaluation and treatment in the Clearinghouse, and



A carrier makes an entry in the Clearinghouse indicating the driver has passed a return-to-duty test.

No 'soft enforcement' period

The changes to the OOSC were developed last year, and officers were trained on using the new criteria earlier this year. As a result, there will be no "implementation" or "soft enforcement" period.

Safety Bulletin
Training Requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
September 27th, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS
October 9th - 15th is Fire Prevention Week
National Fire Prevention Week is coming, and it's a good time to review your drivers' knowledge of fire prevention and how to respond to a fire that occurs in the commercial motor vehicle.

Fire extinguisher inspection is a vital part of a driver's daily vehicle inspection process. It ensures that the many times I call for looking at a truck and that the fire extinguisher has had a pressure check to make sure it's ready and returned to the truck without being recharged. The amount of driver at the time of a fire could be limiting lives and costing the amount of loss.

Register Now to Attend an Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminar this Fall!

Let's look at what the regulations say about training of your supervisors of CDL drivers.
By the way, this applies to all motor carriers (MTC) and (MTR) units.

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