



Department of
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Motor Carrier Outreach Targeting Program

Special Detail Focused Motor Carrier Outreach

Operation Safe Driver Program

Operation Safe Driver Week

July 7-13, 2024

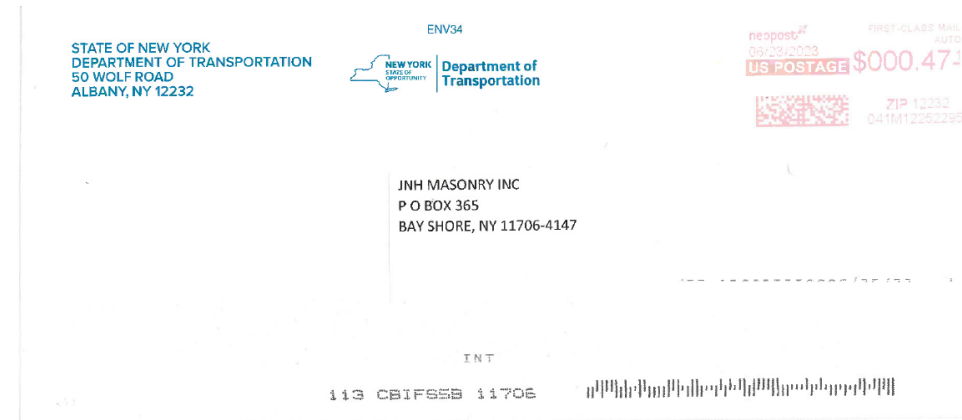


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Targeted Mailing

- Identify Unsafe Carriers
 - Unsafe Driving Behaviors
 - SMS Alerts
 - Roadside Inspection Violations
 - 392.2 violations



June 5, 2024

Subject: Unsafe Driving Behaviors

Your company had been identified as utilizing drivers who have displayed unsafe driving behaviors as documented on roadside inspection reports.

These types of violations indicate your company's increased likelihood of involvement in traffic crashes. Studies have shown that a driver involved in traffic violations such as failing to obey a traffic signal, speeding, and other unsafe acts are 43% more likely to be involved in a crash. The more serious the violation, the more likelihood of crash involvement. For instance, a reckless driving violation or failure to yield the right of way will increase a driver's chance of being involved in a crash by over 100%.

To that end, I invite you to take advantage of the learning opportunities available under the Operation Safe Driver Program (www.operationsafedriver.org) including a short video explaining the Program.

Further, please provide your driver's and safety personnel the attached information sheet.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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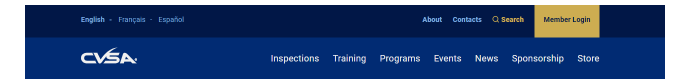
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Website



Short Video



Operation Safe Driver

Overview

Operation Safe Driver Week

2024 Operation Safe Driver Week

2024 Focus Area: Reckless, Careless or Dangerous Driving

Our Impact: Operation Safe Driver Week Results

Safe-Driving PSAs

Resources for Teen and New Drivers

Resources for Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

Operation Safe Driver

Operation Safe Driver is a CVSA program aimed at reducing unsafe driver behaviors by educating all drivers about ways to share the roads safely. The Operation Safe Driver program:

- Targets unsafe driving behaviors by passenger vehicle drivers and commercial drivers
- Educates youth about safely sharing the roads with large trucks and buses
- Offers commercial driver educational and awareness programs to the motor carrier population
- Increases awareness to the general motoring public about safe operations around commercial motor vehicles
- Aims to improve commercial motor driver regulatory compliance
- Conducts passenger vehicle and commercial motor vehicle traffic enforcement initiatives

Operation Safe Driver Week

The Operation Safe Driver program hosts an annual one-week enforcement and educational campaign. Operation Safe Driver Week, that targets unsafe driving behaviors by both commercial motor vehicle drivers and car drivers in an effort to combat the number of deaths and injuries from crashes.

CVSA – in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), state, provincial and local law enforcement, and industry – launched the Operation Safe Driver campaign in 2007 to reduce the number of deaths and injuries resulting from crashes involving large trucks, buses and cars.

Why Target Driver Behaviors?

This program focuses specifically on drivers because drivers' actions – whether it's something a driver did, like speeding, or something they didn't do, such as not paying attention to the driving task – are responsible for most crashes. In fact, drivers' actions contribute to a staggering 94% of all traffic crashes.

Furthermore, last year, roadway fatalities increased 24% over the previous 12-month period, despite miles driven dropping 13%. With the decrease in the number of vehicles on our roadways last year due to the pandemic, we expected a decrease roadway fatalities; however, not only did the rate of roadway deaths increase, that increase is the highest estimated year-over-year jump the National Safety Council has calculated in 95 years. This is, simply put, unacceptable. And the members of CVSA will do everything they can to reverse that alarming trend. Operation Safe Driver Week is part of that commitment.

SEE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Avoid Aggressive Driving

Don't Provoke, Don't be Provoked

Driving is not a competition. Leave the ego at home. If another driver is acting aggressively, don't take their challenge. Just back off and live to drive another day.

What is aggressive driving? Any unsafe driving behavior, performed deliberately and with ill intention or disregard for safety, can constitute aggressive driving. Examples of aggressive driving behaviors include:

- Speeding in heavy traffic
- Cutting in front of another driver and then slowing down
- Changing lanes without signaling
- Weaving in and out of traffic
- Blocking cars attempting to pass or change lanes
- Tailgating
- Running red lights
- Using headlights or brakes to "punish" other drivers

Engaging in these hazardous driving behaviors may constitute a criminal offense of reckless driving. It may escalate into road rage and often results in crashes that involve loss of life and serious injuries.

The American Transportation Research Institute reports that the likelihood of a commercial motor vehicle being involved in a crash increases significantly when the driver has been convicted of one of these hazardous actions. For example, a driver with a reckless driving violation has a 114% greater likelihood of being involved in a crash. The likelihood of a crash increases by 46% if the driver had a violation for following too closely. A driver is 45% more likely to get into a crash if he or she had a speeding violation.

Follow these tips to avoid the dangers of aggressive driving:

- Allow ample time to get to your destination safely.
- Obey all posted speed limits and slow down if conditions warrant a slower speed.
- Don't tailgate. Following too closely reduces a driver's visibility and reaction time.
- Never attempt to pass a vehicle unless it is safe and there is plenty of time to do so safely.
- Never make obscene gestures or use your horn out of anger.
- Don't provoke or allow yourself to be provoked. If another driver is acting aggressively, ignore them.
- Remember the three Bs: be courteous, be patient, be forgiving.
- Buckle up. It is your last line of defense. Seat belts save lives.

Crash Likelihood

If a driver had:	The crash likelihood increased:
A reckless driving violation	114%
A failure to yield right of way violation	101%
A failure to keep in proper lane conviction	83%
A failure to use/improper signal conviction	82%
A past crash	74%
An improper lane/location conviction	72%
An improper pass conviction	70%
A reckless/careless/inattentive/negligent driving conviction	69%
An improper or erratic lane change conviction	66%
An improper lane change violation	63%
An hours-of-service violation	50%
An improper turn conviction	49%
A following too close conviction	46%
A speeding violation	45%
A false or no log book violation	45%
A disqualified driver violation	44%
Any conviction	43%
A speeding more than 15 miles over speed limit conviction	40%
A speeding 1 to 15 miles over speed limit conviction	38%
Any moving violation	35%
A seat belt violation	33%
A failure to obey traffic control device violation	30%
Any OOS violation	29%
A failure to obey traffic sign violation	25%
A driving too fast for conditions conviction	25%
A size and weight violation	20%
A failure to obey traffic signal/light conviction	20%

For more information on safe driving practices, visit www.OperationSafeDriver.org.



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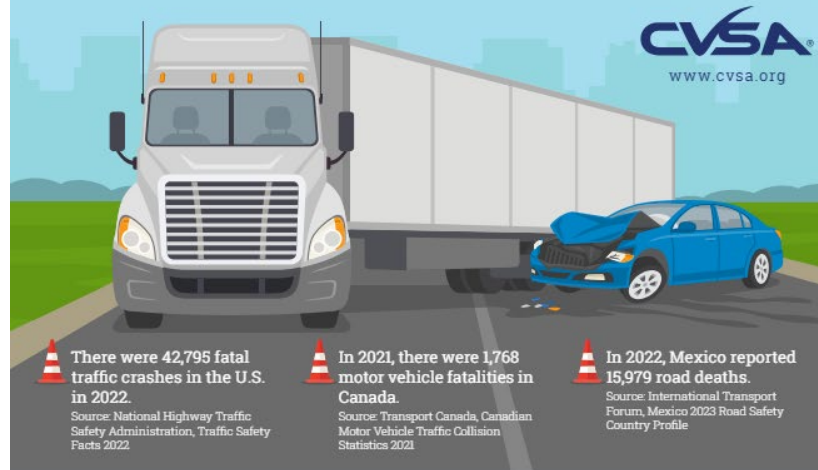
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During this year's Operation Safe Driver Week, law enforcement personnel will be on the lookout for reckless, careless or dangerous driving.



There were 42,795 fatal traffic crashes in the U.S. in 2022.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Traffic Safety Facts 2022

In 2021, there were 1,768 motor vehicle fatalities in Canada.

Source: Transport Canada, Canadian Motor Vehicle Traffic Collision Statistics 2021

In 2022, Mexico reported 15,979 road deaths.

Source: International Transport Forum, Mexico 2023 Road Safety Country Profile



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