

GUARANTEED GAZETTE

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Accident/Incident Procedures

If you are involved in an accident immediately call Tony Hobbs (Safety Director) 863-333-1918, unless you need to call 911 then Tony Hobbs would be your 2nd call.

- * Take pictures—you can never have too many pictures
- * Set up warning devices if needed
- * Do NOT move, if likely to cause further injuries
- * Call for Medical help if needed
- * Give name, company name & address, vehicle I.D, license and ONLY show to proper authorities
- * Secure witness names and addresses or first person on the scene.
- * Protect your vehicle from further damage
- * Comply with any required alcohol/drug testing if asked to do
- * Return a completed accident packet to Tony Hobbs



If you are involved in an incident, depending on the severity of it and if you can still move your vehicle, call Dispatch and let them know what has happened and depending on the severity of it and what time it is (Example: 2:00 a.m. vs. 2:00 p.m.) call Tony Hobbs to report it. A minimal damage incident and if the vehicle is still moveable and it's 2:00 a.m. in the morning then calling Dispatch and Tony Hobbs can wait until 8:00 a.m.

- * Take pictures to send to Tony Hobbs
- * If another vehicle is involved get their information, License, company name & address, contact person's ph# at their company
- * Get information from the witness—name and phone number

Reporting accidents and incidents is very important, if you fail to report accidents or incidents this will lead to disciplinary actions up to including termination of employment.

We know accidents/incidents are going to happen but keeping them at a minimum is our company goal!

Know Safety—No Accidents No Safety—Know Accidents



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FMCSA Commercial Driver's License Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced that registration is now open for the Congressionally-mandated Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. Commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, employers, medical review officers, and substance abuse professionals can now visit <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov> and register to create a secure online user account.

Registration is required to be able to access the clearinghouse once it is fully implemented on January 6, 2020. To access the clearinghouse, authorized users must register. These users include:

- Drivers who hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) or commercial learner's permit (CLP).
- Employers of CDL drivers. This includes those who employ themselves as CDL drivers (owner-operators), typically a single-driver operation.
- Consortia/Third-Party Administrators (C/TPAs).
- Medical Review Officers (MROs). Substance Abuse Professionals (SAPs).

There is no cost for registration. Commercial drivers are not required to immediately register for the clearinghouse, but will need to register to respond to an employer's request for consent prior to a pre-employment query or other full query being conducted.

FMCSA's clearinghouse website contains important resources, including user brochures and instructional aids with step-by-step registration instructions for all users. Users can visit <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov> to access these resources and to start the registration process.

The clearinghouse will be a secure online database that will allow FMCSA, CMV employers, State Driver Licensing Agencies, and law enforcement – in real-time – CDL drivers who have violated federal drug and alcohol testing program requirements, and thereby assist officials to identify and improve safety on our nation's roads.

Reporting

To start with, employers, as well as the other players in FMCSA-mandated drug and alcohol testing programs, will have new reporting requirements in regards to testing. FMCSA-regulated employers, Medical Review Officers, Substance Abuse Professionals (SAPs), Consortiums/Third party administrators (C/TPAs) or their designated representatives will now be required to report any adverse drug and alcohol testing information to the Clearinghouse. This includes any positive drug results, any alcohol results with a blood alcohol content greater than 0.04, refusals to test, and any other non-test violations of FMCSA's drug and alcohol regulation. Employers will have to submit a report of a drug or alcohol program violation by the close of the third business day following the date on which the employer obtained the information.

Running Searches

The new rule will add a step to how employers hire drivers as well as how they maintain the records for their current safety-sensitive staff. To start with, all FMCSA safety sensitive companies will have to register with the Clearinghouse, including identifying their C/TPA. This is an important consideration for owner/operators who will have to designate a C/TPA before they will be able to register for the Clearinghouse and comply with the regulation.

Employers will be required to query the system through an online search of the Clearinghouse for violations that would prohibit the driver or prospective driver from performing safety-sensitive functions, such as driving a CMV. This query must be run on every prospective driver before they are able to perform safety sensitive functions. In addition, employers will be required to query the database at least once a year for their current employees. An employer will need to register their company and pay a fee (still undetermined) for access to the Clearinghouse. A prospective employee will also need to log into the Clearinghouse and authorize the release of his/her records to a particular employer.



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Fun Facts

- In the U.S. alone, 8.9 million people have a job in the truck industry. 3.5 million are truck drivers.
- Small business trucking companies comprise 90% of the industry.
- With the clean diesel trucks that operate today, it would take 60 trucks to equal the exhaust emissions of one truck from 1988.
- The average commercial truck consumes 20,500 gallons of gas each year.
- 70% of all U.S. freight is transported via Class 8 trucks.
- 6% of truck drivers are women.
- The top transported goods in the U.S. are clothing, food, furniture and electrical equipment/goods.
- Truckers drive an average of 3 million miles in their lifetime, which breaks down to more than 115,000 yearly.
- Emissions from heavy trucks have been cut over 95% in the past two decades, due to EPA regulations.
- The average daily run for a long-haul driver is 500 miles.
- There are about 15.5 million active trucks in the U.S. trucking industry.
- About 84% of trucking-related accidents are the other guy's fault.
- A fully loaded truck weighs about 80,000 pounds.
- The truck industry is predicted to grow by up to 21% in the next 10 years.
- The vast majority of trucking companies in the U.S. are small businesses not big corporations.
- Truckers generate about \$650 billion dollars a year or about 5% of the American GDP (Gross Domestic Product)

5 Safe Driving Tips

We've all heard the old saying: it's better to be safe, than sorry. This is especially true in the trucking and transportation industry. As a driver, your personal commitment to safely operating your CMV has a huge impact on others including your fleet and other road users. I've pulled together five tips to help you operate safely during the busy summer months.

1. Buckle Up

Seat belts aren't just for passenger/4-wheel vehicles. Wearing a seat belt is a law for commercial motor vehicle drivers too. Despite this, almost 20% of CMV drivers still aren't using one!

2. Know Your Surroundings

As drivers of largest vehicles on the road, it's important that you're always aware of your surroundings - especially when looking to make a potentially difficult maneuver such as turning into high traffic areas or making a lane change on a congested highway. The most recent Large Truck Crash Causation Study (LTCCS) reported that 14% of large-truck crashes were caused by a CMV drivers inadequate surveillance.

3. Drive for the Conditions

Always adjust your driving style to align with the road conditions. Excessive speed for road conditions is one of the major causes of CMV crashes. Not only does speed increase your likelihood of getting into an accident, it also increases the severity of the accident.

4. Avoid Distractions

When driving your CMV, avoid distractions and focus your attention on safely operating your vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported that over 3,000 people were killed in distraction related accidents with an additional 424,000 injured. Additionally, a study completed by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute reported that truck drivers who text and drive are 23 time more likely to be in a crash or near-crash!

5. Don't Drive When Fatigued

This is easier said than done as fatigued driving continues to be an ongoing battle in the trucking industry. The pressure drivers face to drive fatigued continues—drivers wanting to maximize their time on the road.

Be Safe at All Times!

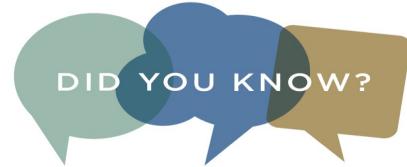
"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day."

- Dalai Lama

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't—you're right."

- Henry Ford

Did you know?



Napping makes you smarter.

Harvard researchers have found that even a brief nap can improve your learning capacity and enhance your memory, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

Your nerve impulses move way faster than you do.

Experts say there are upward of 45 miles of nerves in the human body, and nerve impulses can travel that network at speeds of nearly 325 miles per hour!

Your muscles are strong enough to lift a car.

This may seem like one of those unbelievable facts about the human body, but it's true. Without intensive training, however, we can only utilize 65 percent of our muscular power.

Blood vessels cover a lot of ground.

Ever wondered how many miles of blood vessels are in the human body? According to the Franklin Institute, if you took all the blood vessels out of an average adult, they would cover a distance of close to 100,000 miles!

Stomach acid can dissolve metal.

Researchers have found that after soaking in stomach acid for 24 hours, a double-edged razor blade loses 63 percent of its mass and can be easily broken.

The lining of your intestines regrows every few days.

Because these cells are constantly exposed to your very potent stomach acid, they have an extra high turnover rate.

Your left and right lung are not the same size.

Your right lung is wider and shorter than your left which is narrower and longer. This frees up space for your liver (located directly beneath your right lung) and your heart (nestled between your lungs).

Your pinky finger is more important than you realize.

When it comes to interesting science facts about the human body, this is a doozy: your pinky finger generates at least 50 percent of your hand strength.

Adults have fewer bones than babies.

We start out with about 300 different bones and cartilage elements, but over time, they fuse together, leaving the average adult with 206 bones.

The fingernails on your dominant hand grow faster.

Scientists believe this is because our fingernails grow faster when the corresponding fingertip is used more often.



Pride In Your Ride

A new program to roll out in the new year, Pride In Your Ride, drivers are nominated by other drivers to be entered in the Program. There will be a Winner every quarter and those winners will be entered into the end of the year grand winner.

To nominate a driver you will go to our website: www.guaranteedtransportservice.com and click on the Pride In Your Ride badge and it will take you to a short form to fill out: drivers name, your Email, a short paragraph on why this driver should be nominated and if possible (not required) a picture of their truck.

The Management Team at Guaranteed Transport will review and select winners based on the criteria setup: clean equipment inside and out, no instances of neglect damage and/or wear and professional presentation including uniform and attitude.

The drivers selected quarterly will receive: a detail kit, pre-paid gift card and entry for the end of the year award.

We are very excited to start this program and everyone at GTS is looking forward to another great year of success!

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