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Safety Material for the Trucking Industry
August 2018

Fleet Maintenance Tips

Mechanics keep trucks on the road and drivers safe. We depend on them to keep the public safe, too. Good mechanics are vital to the success of the trucking industry and to your company. Simple procedures can keep them safe at work and on the job.

[Here's a tip sheet to use at your next safety training.](#)



Washington State's "Move Over" Law Changes, Makes Work Zones Safer

On June 7, Washington State traffic laws changed to improve roadway work zone safety. The new law requires drivers to proceed with due caution, slow down, and, if safe, move over or change lanes when approaching any authorized construction or maintenance vehicle or worker in a designated roadway work zone.

The new rules describe work zones to include adjacent road lanes 200 feet before and after stationary or slow-moving construction, maintenance, solid waste, or utility service vehicles that

display flashing or rotating lights that meet state requirements for vehicle warning light systems.

Fines range from \$136 for failing to move over to \$1,000 for reckless endangerment offenses. Penalties can also include jail sentences and driver's license suspensions. The changes follow House Bill 2087, which passed with full legislative support to expand the previous "move over law" for first responders and emergency vehicles.

Read more on the [Keep Trucking Safe Blog](#).

Safe and Sound Week is coming – Are You Participating?

From August 13-19, 2018, Safe and Sound Week will bring nationwide attention to the importance of workplace safety and health programs for preventing employee injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. The annual event encourages participation to help businesses get started with new safety programs or to re-energize existing ones. Company safety programs save lives, sustain health, and prevent costly injuries that can hurt your bottom line.



Read more on the [Keep Trucking Safe Blog](#).



Tired of the Same ol' Trainings?

Check out these [eLearning simulations](#)! Bring new life to discussions, trainings and refreshers regarding pre-trip inspections any many other topics.

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The Trucking Injury Reduction Emphasis (TIRES) project was developed by the Safety and Health Assessment and Research for Prevention (SHARP) program of Washington's Department of Labor and Industries.

The Trucking Injury Reduction Emphasis (TIRES) project team and the TIRES steering committee are working with the Washington State trucking industry to identify causes for the most frequent injuries to develop effective strategies for preventing them. Free safety training materials are available at [KeepTruckingSafe.org](#).

The TIRES steering committee is made up of a diverse group of professionals that includes: drivers, safety people from large and small trucking companies, labor and business associations, insurers and a representative from a publicly funded truck driving school.

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