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Welcome to the April 2013 edition of TIRES e-news, a periodic newsletter brought to you by the health and safety experts of the TIRES Initiative.

New this month



Are we having fun yet?

For those pranksters on your team, this is a friendly reminder that practical jokes can sometimes backfire in a bad way. We aren't saying that you shouldn't have fun and build relationships with co-workers, but carefully consider the consequences. Practical jokes have caused injuries to Washington truck drivers.

[Fun \(308 KB\)](#)

This poster may be printed on 11x17 paper.

More on practical jokes as they relate to trucking [here](#).



How many times must a customer be tagged?

Waste haulers out there know what I mean. Each week you deal with the same "own can" customers, you've tagged them many times as overweight.

Why do some customers insist on using their own cans when perfectly good bins are available for free (and often required by the municipality?) Well, marketers say that people need to hear a message between 3 and 20 times before they retain it. So giving the benefit of the doubt, here's a new way to address your overweight own can customers.

TIRES created this flyer that you can print and use along with your tags to inform your customers in a new way why you have refused to pick up their trash.

[Own Can \(148 KB\)](#).

[Own Can Editable \(150 KB\)](#).

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[YouTube](#) Don't Jump! Risky vs. safe trailer exit strategies on [YouTube](#). Be sure to watch both Part 1 and Part 2.

Worth repeating

Featuring previously published training materials that are...worth repeating!

[You wouldn't want to miss this...](#) (224 KB)

Training simulation tools

Interactive Simulation Chaining Tires

Two drivers chaining. Can you spot the differences? [Click here to try the simulation](#). Scroll down to try more training simulation tools.

Compare the force of lever and ratchet binders

Compare the body forces needed to use a lever ratchet or binder ratchet to strap a load. [Click here to try the simulation](#).

Test your tarping skills

Explore strategies for [safer tarping](#).

Choose your footwear wisely

Slips, trips and falls cause many injuries in the trucking industry. Test your safety knowledge with the [friction simulation tool](#).

Force simulation tool

Does it really matter if you jump or use 3 points-of-contact when you exit the cab or trailer? Find out with our force-simulator. Use it as a training tool. Click [force simulation tool](#).

Need ideas?

Check out the TIRES idea bank for solutions to common trucking issues. Got solutions? This is a work in progress so send us your ideas. Click for [TIRES Idea Bank](#). Click to send us your solutions at info@KeepTruckingSafe.org.

Safety materials en Español

Bienvenido a nuestra edición en español del sitio web TIRES. [Estamos actualmente traduciendo al español todos los folletos y artículos.](#)

[Si tiene que moverlo manualmente — Organize y coloque objetos pesados a una altura de fácil acceso. \(223 KB\)](#)

Upcoming events

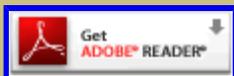
[Click here to check out upcoming events in trucking.](#) Let us know if you have a trucking industry related safety or health event that you'd like to add to the page.

Have questions? We're here to help. Email us at info@KeepTruckingSafe.org.

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To learn more about the TIRES initiative, or to find more information about injuries in the trucking industry please visit us at, www.KeepTruckingSafe.org.

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.

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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