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Welcome to the December 2011 edition of TIRES e-news, a periodic newsletter brought to you by the health and safety experts of the TIRES Initiative.

New this month

NEW [Hockey professional or trucking professional?](#)

Professionals need the right gear to stay in the game. Check out this new safety poster. Print on either 8.5x11 or 11x17 paper. [Be a pro \(323 KB\)](#).

NEW [What should you do if someone gets injured?](#)

Of course the goal is to prevent all injuries, but if one should occur, what should you do? After all medical needs have been taken care of, your new goal should be to make sure this type of incident never happens again. But how? Where does one begin? TIRES has developed this [incident investigation tip sheet](#) to get you started. It demonstrates how to ask the "Why?" questions necessary to get to the root cause of the incident. TIRES also developed this simple, one-page [checklist](#) to help you address all relevant categories.

NEW [Santa Claus is coming to town...](#)

Actually, the big man is the model for two simulations produced by TIRES. Check out this [new tarping simulation](#) and the return of an [old favorite](#).

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

A truck driver's winter survival kit

TIRES developed this [checklist \(301 KB\)](#) to help prepare you for the hazards of winter driving.

Worth repeating

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

Do you see what I see?

[Click for tips \(131KB\)](#) on safe and courteous driving during snowy weather.

Winter Chain Up Tips

Hey, drivers, a change in the weather is fast approaching. And for some of you that means having to chain up so you can make it to your destination. Now would be a good time to check out your chains that have been hanging on the rack for any signs of damage before you are stuck along the road needing to chain up and your equipment leaves you stranded. So pull them down, lay them out and go over them looking for:

- Bent, broken, twisted or missing links,
- Excess rust or corrosion from the road salt/de-icer and
- Adequate bungee straps to keep them tight and loose chain ends from whipping.

Take care of your equipment and it will take care of you!

Tip sheet: [Tips for successful chaining \(262 KB\)](#)

Choosing the best footwear for severe weather

Report: [Get ready for severe weather, including having the right footwear](#)

True story: [Don't let your footwear get you down](#)

Poster: [Wear the footwear of the pros!](#)

Safety materials en Español

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

Training simulation tools

Prevent slips, trips and falls

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](#).

Upcoming events

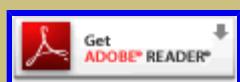
[Click here to check out upcoming events in trucking](#). Let us know if you have a trucking industry related safety or health event that you'd like to add to the page.

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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