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Welcome to the August 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



Professional truck drivers buckle up for safety

Professional football players gear up to protect themselves before every game. Truck drivers need to gear up each day, too. Whether you drive a truck or forklift, you should always buckle up! [Be a pro! Football \(420 KB\)](#)



Ratchet systems improve safety for flatbeds

Flatbeds and curtain-van trailers can be retro-fitted or ordered with ratchet systems. This tip sheet also includes tips for safely using a winch bar. [Ratchet \(215 KB\)](#)

[Upcoming events](#)

World's Largest Convoy

TIRES staff are looking forward to the [2011 Worlds Largest Truck Convoy to benefit the Special Olympics](#). TIRES will showcase the training simulation tools. Hope to see you there!

Governor's safety and health conference

TIRES's ergonomist, [Han Kim, PhD](#) will present *Slip and Fall Hazards in the Trucking Industry* at the [60th Annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference](#).

In national news

A federal appeals court tossed out the electronic onboard recorder rule, saying it does not do enough to prevent harassment of drivers... [Click here to read the online article in *TruckingInfo*.](#)

Worth repeating

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

Don't fall for it! Preventing falls while securing a load.
Poster: [Don't fall for it! \(396 KB\)](#)

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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