



Safety Bulletin

April 2017

“Quote of the Month”

“Nobody can get you in any bigger of a hurry than you allow yourself to be in.”

Clyde Jones

~

Owner-Operator with
Ace Heavy Haul
Since August 2014

Expiring Items

We do our best to try to remind everyone when items needing renewing are coming due. On occasion remember to:

1. Look at your CDL and Med Card to check the expiration dates.
2. Remember- equipment inspections are required every 6-months. We pay for these so let's keep them current.



30-Minute Break

Remember the rules of the 30-minute break reg. This regulation requires CMV drivers to take a mandatory 30-minute break after 8 hours of being on-duty. (We recommend taking around 5 ½ hours in). Need some guidance? Just give us a call!

We Are Here For You!

April Showers ... Well They May Bring May Flowers BUT They Also Bring Spring Precipitation!

The warmer, sunny season we all look forward to is well on its way, but first we must get past the inevitable spring rains. Don't let your guard down because it's not snow or sleet. Wet roads from rainfall require just as much attention and safe driving maneuvering.

Slow Down – Braking in the wet is about half as effective as in the dry.



Turn Your Lights On

Check Your Wipers – Do they need replacing?

Keep Plenty of Distance Between Other Vehicles

Good Tires and Proper Inflation Matters

Skip The Cruise Control!

Drive Safe!

FSMA - Food Safety Modernization Act

Please be advised, if you haul, or anticipate hauling, any type of food product, special training is required. The Food and Drug Administration has published the final rule on Sanitary Transportation of Human and Animal Food. The rule requires carrier personnel (unless specifically exempted by the rule) to complete training related to sanitary transportation practices. *This is a requirement for food related loads.*

Need Training? Have Questions? Call Us!

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Roadcheck 2017 is Two Months Out...Are You Going To Be Ready?

CVSA's annual Roadcheck inspection blitz is scheduled for June 6-8, 2017.

This year, inspectors will be placing an emphasis on cargo securement highlighting the importance of it.

As always, make sure the load and all equipment is properly secured. Inspect tie-downs to check for wear and damage.

Violations related to cargo securement include:

1. Failure to prevent shifting/loss of cargo
2. Failure to secure truck equipment
3. Damaged tie-downs
4. Insufficient tie-downs
5. Loose tie-downs

Have Pics of Your Truck?

Send them to us so we can proudly share on the websites!

Supporting Documents

Supporting documents are a requirement under the FMCSA. When an audit occurs, a federal agent will compare each log with its supporting documents to verify accuracy.

Supporting Documents Include:

- Fuel Stops – card or paper receipts
 - Toll Receipts – this is a big one
 - BOLs – pickup and delivery locations & times
 - Roadside Inspections – location & times
 - Accident Reports – location & times
- Elements of Supporting Documents:**
- Identification Numbers – unit number, load number, etc.
 - Date
 - Location
 - Time

Log what you do & when you do it. Have questions? Give us a call, we're here to Help you.