



Safety Bulletin

April 2018



Stay Connected!

Heads Up Professional Drivers! Why Spring Driving Is Dangerous

Spring flowers and showers are quite often associated with a handful of seasonal driving hazards. Use caution and stay alert!

Rainy Days & Flooding – Slippery roads reduce your handling ability and increases the distance it takes to safely stop. Big puddles also cut down on tire traction and could lead to hydroplaning.

Hail Season – Tis the season so beware of hail storms especially if you live or traverse through a hail-belt state (Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri). Even small hailstorms can shatter windshields.

Winter Road Wear & Tear – Winter conditions can wreak havoc on roadways. Snow plows, sand, salt and the aftermath of ice can leave roads battered. Expect some new potholes along your travels and use caution.

Animals – More animals will be roaming and crossing roadways as they emerge from hibernation or enter their mating season. They will be incredibly active so keep an eye out.

Cyclist – Spring weather tends to bring cyclists out of hibernation too! It's everyone's responsibility to share the road so make room and maneuver around them with care.

Roadcheck 2018 Is Around The Corner!

Roadcheck 2018 is scheduled for June 5th – 7th. The focus this year?? Surprise, surprise... that's right! HOS. Know the ins and outs of your ELD platform! If you are exempt make certain you understand the regs. We are here to help you at every step! Questions?

Contact

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We've got your back and look forward to hearing from you!

Passenger Insurance

Please remember Medallion's policy for passenger coverage is spouse only. If you are interested please contact qualifications@medalliontrans.com for an application and deduction costs.

Riders must be approved in advance. Riders not authorized will land you and the company CSA points for "Unauthorized Passenger", FMCSR 392.60.

Reminder - MMR Compliance

It is imperative you remain in compliance with required MMR reports. These are due by the 15th of each month for the prior month. Submit via:

- *Electronically via the websites
- *On pre-printed company forms
- *Your own (all federally required fields must be present)

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

APRIL 1, DOT Officers will begin fully enforcing the FMCSA's ELD Mandate with OOS Violations!

The FMCSA continues to tweak the ELD Mandate. Please be advised all of our electronic logging devices have been set to AOB RD mode. PLEASE make sure you have the correct informational card you are required to carry with you.

So what does all of this mean to you? Good question!

Omnitracs Platform:

1. **Roadsides** - During roadside inspections, there is no log data transfer. You have the option to email or fax your logs. Advise any officer you have electronic logs but they are not ELD.
2. **Edits** – The AOB RD rules allow more editing of logs.
1. **Automatic Driving** - The Omnitracs will not go into the drive line until after you have driven 0.5 miles. If you drive less than 0.5 miles and allow the unit to reset, it will not show the driving time. How do you reset the unit? Park it for AT LEAST 5 minutes (figure 6 minutes to avoid being bitten by moving 2 seconds too soon) or turn off the truck to reset the unit.

Samsara Platform:

1. The biggest difference is in the data that You see and what is needed for DOT inspections

Contact eldgroup@medalliontrans.com or call a specialist for help.
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