



TAKE A SAFETY SECOND

Topics: Unsafe Driving

Unsafe Driving Focus



In support of our Safety is Priority One commitment, we are now going to focus on Unsafe Driving Violations and Prevention. Unsafe Driving Violations negatively affect the owner operator, the driver, our customers, and our company.

Unsafe Driving Violations are 100% preventable by those behind the wheel. It is critical that each driver understands the risks as well as the impact that their actions can have on their career and the company. The most common violations include:

Speeding

- Driving above the posted speed limit – Recently we have seen an increase in speeding violations 5 mph or more above the posted speed limit. Is it worth the risk to go an extra 5, 11, or 15 miles in that hour? This not only increases your risk of being involved in an accident, but affects many other areas as well.

Lane Restriction Violations

- Lane Restriction Violations have also been on the rise. Be sure to focus on the road signs and not just the vehicle in front of you.

Following Too Close

- Tailgating another vehicle is the fastest way to get pulled over by law enforcement officials. Challenge yourself to keep a 4-6 second following distance in good conditions.

Improper Lane Changes

- Changing lanes quickly without signaling or moving across multiple lanes of travel will gain the attention of law enforcement and the motoring public. Always change lanes in a professional and safe manner.

Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal

- Not following traffic signals can also cause an accident, put you in harm's way or get you pulled over for a more detailed inspection.

Communication Plan



In the near future, you will see our Unsafe Driving Prevention Plan evident in all that we do. We will utilize the following communication points to raise the awareness level in order to provide those that operate under our authority safety concerns and tips:

- Executive Welcome
- Orientation
- Daily Communication
- Safety Meetings
- Monthly Safety Calls

Thank you for supporting our Safety is Priority One commitment!

Unsafe Driving Violations Can Lead to Other Issues:



Recently a driver was pulled over for driving in a Restricted Lane. He even knew

the officer was behind him and told the officer that he was passing a slow camper. The officer's response was "you should have waited". Once stopped, the driver could not immediately produce his prior 7 days of logs. He was cited for:

- Driving in a Restricted Lane
- Failure to keep prior 7 days duty status

He was also placed out of service for 10 hours and missed his scheduled pick-up and received numerous CSA points.

It is our goal to continually inform all of our drivers with violations that occur and could happen to them. We hope that sharing this information will raise their level of awareness and prevent these from reoccurring.

