



Drivers: Protect your Income!!

A Guide to the Driver Safety Measurement System CSA 2010

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Important Details

- The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will roll-out the CSA 2010 program in the next six months.
- CSA 2010 will rank the safety performance of trucking companies and individual drivers.
- The FMCSA has determined that unsafe driver habits are a primary cause of crashes; the goal is to identify drivers with unsafe habits. Drivers with excessive unsafe habits may be fined by the FMCSA.
- The current SafeStat safety ranking system focuses on vehicle and driver out of service violations. CSA 2010 will list all violations even if there was no out of service condition, and no citations were issued.
- Your “Driver Profile” tracks the most recent 36 months, and will be updated and examined monthly by the FMCSA. When CSA 2010 is fully implemented, your previous 36-months will already be in the database.
- Your “Driver Profile” will list violations and crashes in these areas: unsafe driving, controlled substances and alcohol, driver fitness, fatigued driving, vehicle maintenance, cargo loading/securement, and crashes.
- All hours of service violations are described as fatigued driving. False logs, logs not current, failure to retain and disclose previous 7-days logs, and exceeding the daily hour limits are viewed as very serious violations. Remember, a violation does not require a citation or out of service event.
- All DOT-crashes are counted against the driver. This includes any crash involving a tow, injury, fatality or haz-mat release.
- Your current employer and any potential employer will be able to review your Driver Profile. Your safety department is expected to solve unsafe habits through increased education and control of driver activities. Potential employers are encouraged to select drivers with good Driver Profiles and avoid drivers with excessive violations.

Example: How the Driver Profile Works

Joe is operating his tractor-trailer on I-65 in Birmingham. Although he just entered a reduced-speed zone of 60 mph, Joe is still going 65. Joe is alert, having just stopped for lunch and coffee. An enforcement officer stops Joe for a roadside inspection, noting that he felt Joe was speeding at the time. During the inspection, the officer found that Joe did not restart his log entry after lunch. The officer also determined that one trailer tire did not have the correct air pressure. The officer required that Joe bring the log up to the current duty status, and recommended that Joe observe the posted speed limits and add air to the trailer tire at the next truck stop. Joe did not receive a moving citation, was not placed out of service, and was not required to air the tire immediately.

As a result of this roadside inspection, Joe's Driver Profile will now show three violations:

- 1) Unsafe driving--- speeding
- 2) Fatigue--- a serious violation of log not current
- 3) Maintenance--- tire underinflated.

These violations will remain on Joe's Driver Profile for 36 months.

Action Plan for a Good Driver Profile

- Be aware of other vehicles and prevent crashes (even if you are not at fault).
- Keep your log current to the most recent change of duty status.
- Disclose your 7-days logs to an enforcement officer when requested.
- Do not exceed daily hour limits.
- Solve defective tires, suspension, and steering problems before driving.
- Never operate when alertness is reduced by illness or fatigue.
- Be aware of speed zones and construction zones; reduce speed.
- Check cargo loading and securement of every load.
- Remember your health, your family and your friends. Everyone wants you to be healthy, return home, and continue to earn income for many years.

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