

TOOL BOX TALKS

Safe Driver

The safe driver is concerned with what is happening inside their vehicle and around them on the highway. Roughly 50,000 people die on American highways each year. In Missouri alone, nearly 1,000 people die in traffic crashes each year. Transportation accidents are the number one killer of American workers. Vehicle accidents are the largest safety issue faced by employers. 95.9% of fatigued driving crashes involve passenger cars! Take a few minutes to review this information with employees.

WORKSAFE TIPS

DEFENSIVE DRIVING HABITS

Safe drivers develop habits that help make their travels safe.

What are the habits of safe drivers?

- Following the law while driving.
- Making safety a priority when behind the wheel.
- Reducing stress caused by things **within** the vehicle by leaving early and minimizing distractions.
- Reducing stress caused by things **outside** of the vehicle by increasing following distance and slowing down.
- Practicing courteous driving behaviors.
- Recognizing the risks of unsafe driving behaviors like speeding, tailgating and road rage.

Remember that a safe driver makes the choice to drive with the due regard for:

- Other drivers around your vehicle.
- Passengers within the vehicle.
- Family members at home that rely on the driver!

The driver of the vehicle is responsible for the safety of themselves and their passengers.

SAVE LIVES

Roughly 50,000 people die on American highways each year.

Defensive drivers think about the safety of the persons inside and around their vehicles, including other motorists and pedestrians.

TIME SAVINGS

Safe drivers realize that speeding only saves a few minutes.

Safe drivers realize that more time is saved by staying out of accidents and avoiding speeding tickets.

FINANCIAL SENSE

Safe drivers save money by avoiding fines and accidents, resulting in increased insurance premiums and out-of-pocket expenses. This includes increased fuel consumption too!

The conditions around drivers can change in only a few moments. These could be:

Ice
Snow
Rain
Dust

The safe driver adjusts driving habits, and drives appropriately for the conditions at hand.

Safe drivers are doing everything possible to avoid preventable collisions.

Slow down.
Scan the road ahead.
Increase following distance and don't tailgate.
Wear the vehicle's safety belt.



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