

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Safe Driving Practices for Employees

You are your employer's most valuable asset! The way that you drive says everything about you and your company. Make a positive statement by following these work-related safe driving practices from OSHA.



### WORKSAFE TIPS

#### Stay Safe

- Use a seat belt at all times – driver and passenger(s).
- Be well-rested before driving.
- Avoid taking medications that make you drowsy.
- Set a realistic goal for the number of miles that you can drive safely each day.
- If you are impaired by alcohol or any drug, do not drive.

#### Stay Focused

- Driving requires your full attention. Avoid distractions, such as adjusting the radio or other controls, eating or drinking, and talking on the phone.
- Continually search the roadway to be alert to Situations requiring quick action.
- Stop about every two hours for a break. Get out of the vehicle to stretch, take a walk, and get refreshed.

#### Avoid Aggressive Driving

- Keep your cool in traffic!
- Be patient and courteous to other drivers.
- Do not take other drivers' actions personally.
- Reduce your stress by planning your route ahead of time (bring the maps and directions), allowing plenty of travel time, and avoiding crowded roadways and busy driving times.

For more information on safe driving for work, refer to "Guidelines for Employers to Reduce Motor Vehicle Crashes" at:

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/motorvehicle/safety/index.html>.



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