Motor Vehicle Fleet Safety

Fleet and Driver Safety Protection

The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of workplace fatalities. The most recent data, from 2018, show that about 40% of workplace deaths occur in transportation incidents. The majority of these accidents are deemed to have been preventable.

One of the best ways for an organization to prevent vehicle accidents is to have a written, formal, customized Fleet Safety Plan. The plan should identify all company drivers, driver qualification procedures, the driver training program, and the vehicle maintenance and operations procedures. The fleet program should set clear and consistent expectations for drivers and management. Policies and procedures should also include cell phones, distracted driving, driver behaviors, and fatigue. It is also imperative that the program is properly followed, enforced, and that documentation is provided to prove the program is properly utilized.

Additional information is available at the following resources:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics data can be accessed at the following link: https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cfoi.pdf
- The CDC provides information on preventing distracted driving at the following link: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/motorvehicle/topics/distracteddriving/default.html
- The ASSP addresses motor fleet safety and offers tools to help keep drivers safe at the following link:
 https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/2020/06/26/safety-news-you-need-motor-vehicle-fleet-safety?
 https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/2020/06/26/sa
- The ASSP offers a Technical Report on management practices for the safe operation of motor vehicles at the following link: https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Store/Product-Details/productId/193119583?
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- The NSC provides information on October is Distracted Driving Month at the following link: https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/get-involved/distracted-driving-awareness-month

Should you have any questions or want additional information, please feel free to contact your Safety Specialist.



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