



Stay Connected!

# Safety Bulletin

## November 2018



### Happy Thanksgiving From Us To You!

We are so very thankful for each and every one of you in our extended family. Without you our great company wouldn't exist. Your profession is one of the most import, and dangerous, there is and we thank you for your continued dedication in keeping safety first. From us to you, Happy Thanksgiving! May your holiday be filled with family, friends, laughter and love. Stay safe out there!

#### Caution - Watch That Speed!

Keep a close eye on your speed! Many roadside inspections are initiated as a result of going over the speed limit. Even a few miles per hour over will increase your chances. Most importantly, you are required to conform to 392.6, Schedules to confirm with speed limits in the FMCSRs. Your safety and the motoring public are of utmost importance! Drive safe and watch that speed!

#### When Planning Your Trip Take Note of Any Tolls



Did you know that most toll bills include hefty administrative fees? A \$10.00 toll can easily become \$60.00 just like that. Plan to pay your tolls to avoid unnecessary fines. Run tolls frequently? Consider obtaining an EZPass account to avoid having to stop each time. You work too hard to throw away money on added fees!

#### T.W.I.C. Cards

Are you planning to go to a port? Make sure you have your T.W.I.C. (Transportation Workers Identification Card) with you. Please note, not all ports are accessible so before you book your load, please call Safety to make sure the company is registered and your information is pre-entered to lessen your wait time.

#### FSMA Reminder

FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act) requires specific training prior to hauling certain food related loads. If you haul or plan to haul any type of food product please contact Driver Services so they can assign a quick online course to you. The Food and Drug Administration published this final rule and it is important all requirements are met. Need help? Contact Driver Services at:

[driverservices@medalliontrans.com](mailto:driverservices@medalliontrans.com)



#### Be Aware of Lane Restrictions

While most states don't have statewide laws prohibiting trucks from the left lane, all states regulate it in some way. States also have different definitions for what constitutes a "truck"; some count axles and others specify weight limits or vehicle descriptions. Even if there is no statewide law prohibiting trucks in the left lane, local governments may impose these restrictions on certain roadways and highways. All states specify the penalties and fines you'll face for violating these laws. Plan your travel and keep an eye out for lane restriction changes throughout your travels. Don't get caught with unnecessary CSA points and fines!

#### Being Safety Conscious is Vital.....

It's what will keep you alive when you're faced with those tense moments. As you're rollin', always plan an "escape route". Keep an eye on who's in front, beside and behind you at all times.

#### Holiday Traffic

Soon the roadways will be filled with travelers trying to get to that home cooked turkey and stuffing. Be patient and plan for delays. It's not only the public we worry about; it's us knowing you have arrived home safely to your families too! Be Safe!



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As always, stay alert and drive safe!