



I ♥ my ELD's!

You might as well get it in your heads guys, the time is here. The three-month law enforcement grace period for trucks to be equipped with electronic logging devices is over. As of this past April 1, drivers caught without ELDs are due to be placed out of service for 10 hours, and may have points added to their Compliance, Safety, Accountability program scores, or could even be assessed a civil fine.

Collin Mooney, executive director of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, said that after the 10-hour out-of-service order is completed, drivers can use paper records of duty to get to their final destination. "But they can't be re-dispatched until they have an ELD installed," Mooney said.



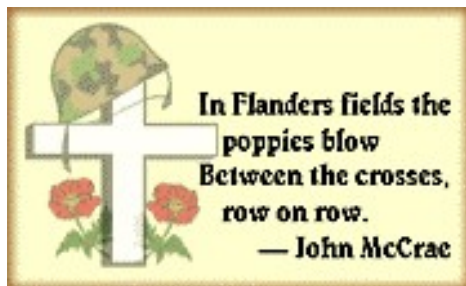
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It is real easy to get distracted while driving. Whether it's our cell phone or eating on the go, the fact is that distracted driving is very dangerous and in many cases life-threatening. April was Distracted Driving Awareness month and we hope you took the pledge to be an attentive driver last month, again this month, and throughout the year.

'ONE NATION UNDER GOD'

Memorial Day – May 28, 2018



Thank a vet, every chance you get. God bless them!

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant, and resumed their trip. When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't realize it until they had been driving for about thirty minutes. And, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel another 3 or 4 miles before they could find a place to turnaround, to go back to get her glasses.

Of course, all the way back, the husband became the classic grumpy old man. He fussed and complained; he griped and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive.



The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."

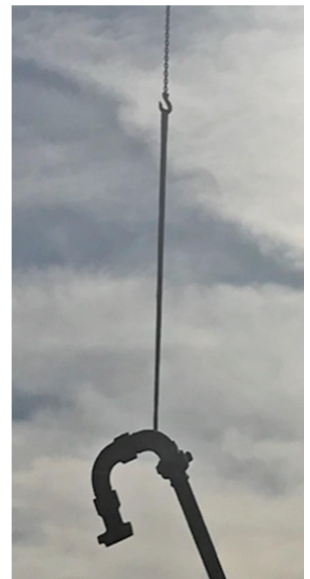
What is wrong with the rig-up to the right? Can you spot what caused a 'Stop Work' order to be issued and a job shut down for several hours? What caused a crane operator to be removed from the job and several, much needed, safety meetings to be held?

Look at the hook where the nylon sling is attached, there is no spring loaded latch. That latch is designed to keep the sling from slipping off the hook in case tension is let off the lifting chain or cable and dropping the load..

Riggers, *never, ever*, attach to a hook without a latch.

Signalmen, *never, ever*, give an operator a signal to lift with a hookup like this.

Crane operators, *never, ever*, knowingly make a lift with a hook without a latch.



Drivers! Now is a good time to go through the load securement equipment on your truck. Make sure you have all the chains, binders, straps, and edge protectors you may need. Also check your fire extinguisher, extra light bulbs and truck papers. Do you have an emergency triangle reflector kit? You should. Check it out. Shine up your truck.



The Smith System is a training program that many trucking companies use to help their drivers improve their driving skills. The fourth of five keys, or teaching points, is to 'leave yourself an out'. This means surrounding yourself with space. If you are on the highway, try to position yourself where you have another way out if a hazard appears.

The same rule applies in the shop or on the jobsite. There it is called 'pinch points'. Play it safe and 'leave yourself an out!'



Load Securement Safety Tips

- Watch how other drivers secure their loads, no matter how long you have been pulling trailers you might learn something.
- Use good footgear for climbing.
- Have good foul-weather gear to wear.
- Wear gloves
- Avoid climbing whenever possible.
- Watch your footing.
- Take your time. Never be in a hurry to secure your load.
- When tightening chain binders, grip the trailer with one hand and rock the cheater bar with the other. If you pull with both hands and your feet slip out from under you, that pipe can go flying.
- Be careful when throwing chains or belts over the load not to hit anyone on the other side.
- Take it easy going into corners or turns. 10 mph below the posted speed limit is a good idea.



A wife arrived home after a long shopping trip, and was horrified to find her truck driver husband in bed with a young, lovely thing. Just as she was about to storm out of the house, her husband stopped her with these words:

"Before you leave, I want you to hear how this all came about. Driving home, I saw this young girl, looking poor and tired, I offered her a ride. She was hungry, so I brought her home and fed her some of the roast you had forgotten about in the refrigerator."

Continuing on he said, "Her shoes were worn out so I gave her a pair of your shoes you didn't wear because they were out of style. She was cold so I gave her that new birthday sweater you never wore because the color didn't suit you. Her slacks were worn out so I gave her a pair of yours that you don't fit into anymore.

Then as she was about to leave the house, she paused and asked, "Is there anything else that your wife doesn't use anymore?" "And so, here we are!"



The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier.

Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass."

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Happy Birthday!

Jose L – 2, Justin P – 13

Cecile B – 18, Phillip M – 21



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