

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

Did you know that according to the National Safety Council 42,000 motor vehicle deaths occur each year? Whether you drive an automobile, pickup, motorcycle, flatbed, lowboy, or dump truck you have a responsibility to operate it safely. The Department of Transportation regulates most commercial vehicles, and your state Department of Motor Vehicles regulates the rest. As an operator you need to follow a few basic rules so your trip will be uneventful.

First and foremost: **Don't Drive under the Influence** of alcohol, prescription medication, or illegal drugs. These chemicals may effect your reaction time and your ability to make quick, good judgements.

Second, always **Buckle-up**, the life you save may be your own or that of a loved one. The best and quickest way to reduce your chances of injury or death is to wear your seat belt. While you're at it, make sure that all of your passengers wear their seat belts too — even in the back seat. Furthermore, many states require that seat belts be worn whenever a vehicle is in motion. Small children should be in car seats, and children under twelve should **never** ride in a seat protected by an airbag.

Another area of motor vehicle safety is taking the time to check out your vehicle before driving off. Check the vehicle for worn tires, check the rear view mirror and side view mirrors to be sure they are adjusted properly. Adjust the driver's seat **before** moving the vehicle. Check the windshield wipers and horn. Make sure that your headlights and turn signals are working properly. Look twice before backing up. Prior to starting a vehicle be sure you put your foot on the brake and both hands on the steering wheel. Check your gauges and make sure you have enough fuel. There is nothing like running out of gas along the highway (what an empty feeling)!

Do your part and drive responsibly, be alert, keep your eyes and mind focused on the road ahead

SAFETY REMINDER
Avoid using a cellular phone while operating a motor vehicle. If possible, pull over to the side of the road to place your call.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

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