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# Trade Release

## OSHA Launches Program to Target High Injury and Illness Rates

*Courtesy of US Department of Labor, OSHA - October 17, 2018*

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is initiating the Site-Specific Targeting 2016 (SST-16) Program using injury and illness information electronically submitted by employers for calendar year (CY) 2016. The program will target high injury rate establishments in both the manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors for inspection. Under this program, the agency will perform inspections of employers the agency believes should have provided 300A data, but did not for the CY 2016 injury and illness data collection. For CY 2016, OSHA required employers to electronically submit Form 300A data by December 15, 2017. The CY 2017 deadline was July 1, 2018; however, employers may still provide this information to the database.

Going forward, establishments with 250 or more employees that are currently required to keep OSHA injury and illness records, and establishments with 20-249 employees that are classified in specific industries with historically high rates of occupational injuries and illnesses will be required to provide this information each year by March 2.

OSHA's On-site Consultation Program offers employers with up to 250 workers with free, confidential safety and health advice on complying with OSHA standards, and establishing and improving safety and health programs.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.

For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

# Winter Driving Hazards

*Courtesy of Great West Casualty Company - October 23, 2018*

The fall and winter season presents many unique hazards that truck drivers should be on the lookout for. Avoiding potential losses requires drivers to recognize the hazards that can lead to a vehicle crash, know the defense, and react properly. Read the information below, and ask yourself how you can improve your driving style in any of the hazard categories.

## **Recognize the Hazards**

### Environment

Fall and winter bring slippery road conditions due to rain, fog, early frosts, and leaves on the roadway. Kids are also back in school, deer activity increases, and sun glare during sunrise and sunset can be blinding.

### Equipment

Equipment deficiencies, such as tires with insufficient tread depth, brakes that are out of adjustment, and inoperable window defrosters or windshield wipers, can create serious driving hazards in adverse conditions.

### Personal Behaviors

Shorter days can disrupt sleep patterns, causing fatigue, which can in turn cause fatigue-related distracted driving. Also, driving too fast for conditions and an improper pre-trip inspection can lead to mechanical problems and possibly a crash.

## **Know the Defense**

### Observe Proper Speed for Conditions

In adverse conditions, reduce speed 2-3 mph below the flow of traffic, not to exceed the posted speed limit. Reducing speed provides more reaction time and also reduces wear and tear on equipment.

### React Properly to Hazards

Slow down on curves, ramps, turns, and overpasses. React to animals in the roadway by slowing down, staying in your lane, and honking the horn to startle the animal away. If necessary, hit the animal to avoid losing control.

### Maintain Proper Following Distance

Keep a minimum of six seconds behind the vehicle in front. Add more space if additional hazards are present.

### Be Attentive to the Road Ahead

Watch for potential hazards, especially in school zones and animal crossings. Make quick glances to mirrors.

### Avoid Distractions

Wear sunglasses and use the visor to reduce sun glare. Put mobile devices away when driving. Get plenty of rest, stay hydrated, and avoid heavy meals to reduce fatigue.

### Vehicle Inspection

Drivers should conduct a thorough pre-trip inspection and have repairs made before leaving. Keep windows and mirrors clean. Ensure window defrosters work properly, and carry spare lights and fuses in case of emergency.

<https://blog.gwccnet.com/blog/fall-driving-hazards>





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## U.S. Department of Labor Issues Final Rule on Crane Operator Certification Requirements

*Courtesy of US Department of Labor, OSHA - November 7, 2018*

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published a final rule today that clarifies certification requirements for crane operators, and maintains the employer’s duty to ensure that crane operators can safely operate the equipment. The final rule will maintain safety and health protections for workers while reducing compliance burdens.

Under the final rule, employers are required to train operators as needed to perform assigned crane activities, evaluate them, and document successful completion of the evaluations. Employers who have evaluated operators prior to December 9, 2018, will not have to conduct those evaluations again, but will only have to document when those evaluations were completed.

The rule also requires crane operators to be certified or licensed, and receive ongoing training as necessary to operate new equipment. Operators can be certified based on the crane’s type and capacity, or type only, which ensures that more accredited testing organizations are eligible to meet OSHA’s certification program requirements. The final rule revises a 2010 requirement that crane operator certification must specify the rated lifting capacity of cranes for which the operator is certified. Compliant certifications that were already issued by type and capacity are still acceptable under this final rule.

The final rule, with the exception of the evaluation and documentation requirements, will become effective on Dec. 9, 2018. The evaluation and documentation requirements will become effective on February 7, 2019.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.

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# Hidden risks lurk in rental cars for travelers this holiday season

*Courtesy of Property and Casualty 360° - November 19, 2018*

The age of connectivity comes with its own set of risks.

During the holiday season, many travelers rely on rental cars to reach their destinations. Many of today's cars are designed to make hands-free calls, stream music, and even access the internet — but one has to connect to an infotainment system first.

But in order to do this, the infotainment system may store personal information kept on a driver's phone, says AAA.

"The stored information in mobile devices is vulnerable to theft. If you sync your mobile phone to a rental car, you open yourself up to having your personal information stolen," Lori Weaver Hawkins, Blue Grass AAA, said in a statement. "It is possible for an unauthorized person to gain access to things like home address and the code for your garage door opener.

## **Know your risks**

There are currently no industry or government standards for vehicle infotainment systems, but the first step to safeguarding your personal data is to know the type of information an infotainment system may store.

Potentially stored information:

- Home address, work address, and other saved or frequently used GPS locations.
- Home phone number.
- Call and message logs.
- Personal contacts.
- Garage opener programming.

## **Reducing your risks**

To avoid a data breach of any kind, there are a number of steps drivers can take.

- Purchase a phone charger for your phone that plugs into the cigarette lighter adapter port rather than the USB port. The lighter adapter port does not access your information.
- Use your phone's GPS without syncing up with the rental car.
- Check your phone's permissions to learn what information your car can access. When syncing your phone, if your infotainment systems allows you to choose which types of information you share, restrict it to only what's necessary. For instance, if you're only syncing your phone to play music, the car only needs access to your music library, not your personal contacts or other data.
- Before handing your keys over to a valet, check to see if your car's infotainment system has a valet mode you can set that will protect your sensitive data.
- Before trading in your car or returning a rental car, go to the settings menu on the car's infotainment system to find a list of synced devices. When you find your devices, follow the prompts to delete them. If you can't figure out how to do this, check the owner's manual or an online tutorial.

<https://www.propertycasualty360.com/2018/11/19/hidden-risks-lurk-in-rental-cars-for-travelers-thi?kw=Hidden%20risks%20lurk%20in%20rental%20cars%20for%20travelers%20this%20holiday%20season&et=editorial&bu=PC360&cn=20181125&src=EMC-Email&pt=Weekender>



# SAVE THE DATE

**October 18, 2019**

**2019 Outreaches** - Schedule is being confirmed.  
*Visit our website throughout the year to stay informed.*



## ***Congratulations to the Colorado Livestock Association Safety Group!***

Greeley, CO – Colorado Livestock Association (CLA) members lead the industry in their commitment to creating a safe workplace for their employees. The CLA Safety Group Program has been in place since 2001, and was designed to reduce Workers Compensation costs by promoting safety and claims management on farms and ranches.

The 2017 performance results locked at the end of September 2018 and the CLA Safety Group performed to a 29.6% loss ratio, outperforming the required 55% loss ratio to receive a Group Dividend. Due to these excellent results, CLA Safety Group members will be returned \$234,172.00 for the 2017 year. Since the CLA Safety Group Program began in 2001, the program has paid out \$1,907,070.00 in Safety Group Dividends to its members. These premium dollars are returned to safety group members in the form of a dividend based on their operation's safety performance. Group members have now received a dividend for the fourth year in a row.

Livestock production presents a wide range of workplace safety exposures that pose unique challenges. Hazard awareness and effective safety training are key to reducing injuries and fatalities on the farm. The Safety Group Dividend is an indication of livestock producer's commitment to provide a safe workplace for their families and employees.



Colorado Livestock Association provides safety program resources and training materials as well as assistance in development of effective safety programs for its members. In order to be eligible for the CLA Safety Group Program, a company must be a current CLA member, must have two full policy periods of continuous worker's compensation experience, meet Pinnacle Assurance's underwriting eligibility guidelines, have a formalized safety and return to work program in place, and utilize Pinnacle's Select Net providers.

<http://coloradolivestock.org/safety-on-the-farm-pays-dividends-2/>



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