

CSA 2010

AN OVERVIEW

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is changing gears and taking its enforcement program in a new direction. The *Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) 2010* program is here and it's going to affect YOU, the professional driver. Are you up to the challenge?



HOW WILL THE FMCSA INTERVENE?

The FMCSA will have a variety of new tools in its arsenal for making sure you're operating safely and in compliance, *before* a crash occurs:

- Warning letters
- Roadside inspections that target a particular problem
- Off-site or on-site audits
- Cooperative safety plans
- Notices of violation or claim
- Settlement agreements
- Out-of-service orders

DID YOU KNOW?

Under CSA 2010, violation and crash data collected in the prior **36 months** will affect your safety grade. **The safer you drive today, the better your record will be tomorrow!**

How can I avoid intervention and improve my safety record?

Learn all you can about CSA 2010. Take a look at your safety record and see how you're doing on the BASICS. Is there room for improvement? Strive for "clean" inspections. Work with your employer to make sure your safety record is accurate, so bad data doesn't come around to bite you. Participate in company safety programs like refresher training and safety meetings. And finally, *always drive safely and in compliance!*

WHAT IS CSA 2010?

It's a fresh way for the FMCSA to track and evaluate your safety record, intervene as quickly as possible when it looks like you're operating unsafely, and prevent crashes, injuries, and fatalities in the process. For the first time, commercial motor vehicle **drivers** will be independently graded on their safety record and may be subject to FMCSA enforcement.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The program involves:

- (1) **Data collection**, including *all* your crashes and safety-related violations found during roadside inspections, going back three years, across *all* employers;
- (2) **Measurement** of that data, to find out where you (and your company) are having problems;
- (3) **Evaluation** of your safety record compared to other drivers; and
- (4) **Intervention**, when necessary, to persuade you to operate more safely.

JUST THE BASICS

You'll still have to comply with all the same safety rules as before, but your violations of those rules will be placed into seven categories called the BASICS, or *Behavioral Analysis Safety Improvement Categories*:

- Unsafe driving
- Fatigued driving
- Driver fitness
- Drugs and alcohol
- Vehicle maintenance
- Cargo loading and securement
- Crash history

Your performance in the BASICS will have a direct effect on your employer's safety rating, as well as your own! Perform poorly and you and/or your employer could face an intervention.

HOW WILL I BE GRADED?

When a carrier or driver's performance in each BASIC is "graded," some violations will count more than others depending on:

- **Risk** — Violations that are more likely to result in an accident will weigh more heavily than others. For example, reckless driving counts more than a failure to use your emergency flashers.
- **Age** — Newer violations bear more weight, but violations can still haunt you for 3 years, or your employer for 2 years.
- **Number of inspections** — In most cases, the more clean inspections you have (with no violations) the better. On the other hand, a single bad inspection won't ruin your record.

You, your employers (with your permission), and enforcement officers will all have access to your safety record. Make sure it's a record you can be proud of!



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