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Newsletter



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April is Distracted Driving Awareness month. Check out page 2 for safety material you can share with your crews, staff and team today!



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Congratulations to Steve White for winning last month's Literacy Contest! In the March newsletter, we hid a message in the PPE Toolbox Talk. Steve was the first person to find the message and won \$100.00 plus another \$100.00 to donate to the literacy council of Tyler in his honor.

It pays to read! Thank you, Steve!

We added a [Defensive Driving Course](#) to the portal for members. It is a 20-minute video with a downloadable quiz and answer key. Are you interested in using this meaningful course for your next safety meeting? Contact us at info@365workplacesafety.com and we will get you set up!

Safety Matters

Did You Know?

A recent study from the University of Minnesota found that talking on a cell phone while driving impairs one's ability even more than driving while intoxicated. Talking on a cell phone and other driver distractions pose a major hazard to everyone on the road.



To minimize risks while driving:

- Do not talk on your cell phone or use the text messaging feature.
- If you absolutely must conduct a conversation, use a hands-free device and speed dial.
- Never touch up your makeup or hair in the rearview mirror.
- Limit your conversations with passengers and ask them to keep their voices down so you can concentrate.
- Do not smoke while you are driving, as you will probably pay more attention to not burning yourself or putting out the cigarette than driving safely.
- Only adjust the radio or CD player when you are completely stopped.
- Never allow animals to sit on your lap while driving.
- Do not eat or drink while driving.
- Avoid reading maps or directions. Instead, pull into a parking lot to get your bearings and determine where you need to go next to reach your final destination.
- Do not take notes or search for phone numbers.
- Never use a cell phone (even with a hands-free device) in bad weather, work zones or heavy traffic.

Allowing yourself to become distracted while driving can lead to dangerous, and even fatal, consequences. Be a responsible motorist and make paying attention to the road your number one priority when you're behind the wheel.



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it's no accident

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Sierra's Safety Support

Every month I will highlight a safety question that I was asked. At 365 WS, we want everyone to benefit from the resources on the portal. Please ask me if you have any questions, I am happy to help; that's what I'm here for!

How can I prepare my employees for car accidents?

Drivers on the road represent your company. They need to do the same when involved in an accident. The initial facts gathered after an accident could lay the foundation for potential lawsuits. It is important drivers realize this and act appropriately as to not solicit legal action. To mitigate potential losses, provide your drivers with the right tools and accident reporting procedures.

Provide an Accident Kit

Supplying your drivers with an accident kit in their glove box is a good first step in documenting the events of the accident. The kit should include the following:

- Emergency contact numbers so drivers know who to call.
- Accident Report form addressing the who, what, how and why questions that will surface.
- Blank paper to obtain witness information.
- A pen.
- Require a disposable camera or camera phone to be available in case of emergency.

Five Key Points for Recording an Accident

1. Contact the police immediately.
2. Do not admit fault. Do not discuss the details of the accident with anyone except the police.
3. Record accident details on the Accident Report Form (included in the accident kit), including information about other people involved in the accident or anyone who may have witnessed the accident, noting both the number of passengers and their names.
4. Take photos of the accident, if a camera is available.
5. Report the accident to your employer immediately.

These simple but important steps will provide necessary details in relaying the accident details to the claims adjuster. Attempts to seek higher claim values from an injured party can be defended based on these facts, helping to control your insurance costs.

For more information about fleet and driver safety, please contact 365 Workplace Safety at 972.850.2800.



365 Workplace Safety History

365 Workplace Safety was formed in 2016. The founders recognized a need to provide easy and unlimited access to information and programs that will help businesses provide a safe workplace for their employees while improving methods of protecting their assets through risk management techniques.

365 Workplace Safety works to find valuable services and products by taking advantage of its growing membership to establish partnerships for benefits that might not otherwise be directly available to our members. Please visit our Membership Benefits section and review available programs under Exclusive Partnerships & Benefits. Be sure to check back frequently, as we're always working to expand our offerings.

If any of the following member benefits are of interest, and you'd like more information, please contact us.

- OSHA Log Reporting
- Creating an Employee Handbook.
- Learning to access our new HR helpline where accredited HR staff answer questions.
- Locating and setting up tool-box safety topics
- Creating a safety manual.
- A Defensive Driving Course you can use at your next safety meeting.
- Access to our discounted driver motor vehicle records (MVR) program.
- Monitoring your driver's MVR, 24/7 for as little as \$1.00 per driver, per month.

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