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## Friday Safety Brief®

### A Bit More About CSA 2010

Obviously, CSA 2010 is coming. Its launch has just been postponed for a few months. And CSA 2010 is only a new method of evaluating motor carriers' safety performance. However, this method will identify carriers in violation of the safety rules much more quickly and will alert officials, equally quickly so that those officials can "intervene", if warranted. For those carriers who have perfected their safety programs over the years to be more effective and long-lasting and have arranged their operation so as to comply with the rules, this new method of safety evaluation shouldn't be alarming. However, carriers with effective loss prevention integrated within their operation might want to consider establishing even better communications and rapport with their drivers. Drivers who are in close contact with management are vital to the company's mission. That's *real* teamwork and that's what gets *real* results.

### NEW for PSC Insiders Circle Members

All "Insiders Circle" members now have access to our newest online addition, entitled "[The Connection](#)". Similar to a forum, our "Connection" to YOU provides for Q & A, stories from you, investigation and research from us, and anything else you would like to contact us about. In fact, very soon, we will have another connection to add to this area. Watch for "[Live TV online](#)" from PSC.

Keep the e-mails coming-tell us about your problems on the road, your experiences, your questions and anything else. It doesn't always need to pertain to just safety; include anything you would like to discuss or tell us and other Insiders Circle members about.



Motor carriers, if you haven't already, take time to review your company through the CSA 2010 [Data Preview](#). With a DOT number and Personal Identification Number (PIN) provided by FMCSA, you can review your safety performance data by the CSA 2010 Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICS). (If you do not know or have forgotten your PIN, visit this [link](#) and select "I want to request a copy of a document" (last selection on page) or call 1-800-832-5660 for assistance.)

### Put Some Teeth In It



There's something about "*putting it in writing*" that makes it "official" (and binding). Putting some of your most important policies in written form tells everyone that you mean it. It doesn't need to be lengthy. Put your "Following Distance" policy in writing, as well as your cell phone and texting policy, "backing" policy (GOAL - Get Out And Look), and any other important policies regarding the prevention of accidents. These, along with any operational policies, should be written and reviewed with all drivers. Put these policies into your own driver's manual.

### Know What You're Hauling

It's not just for Hazardous Materials, it goes for anything. You should know exactly what your trucks are hauling ALL of the time. An easy way to keep a watch on this is to simply give a copy of every bill of lading to the respective dispatcher for him/her to review. Investigate anything of which you are not aware. Make certain that those commodities transported are only those that you have agreed to haul. Then make sure that all necessary precautions were taken to avoid loss and damage. For "*PSC Insider Circle*" members, let us know of any problems you might be experiencing in this area through the latest section of our website, "[The Connection](#)".