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CSA★2010 Carrier Data Review

CSA 2010 Data Preview Now Available for Motor Carriers!

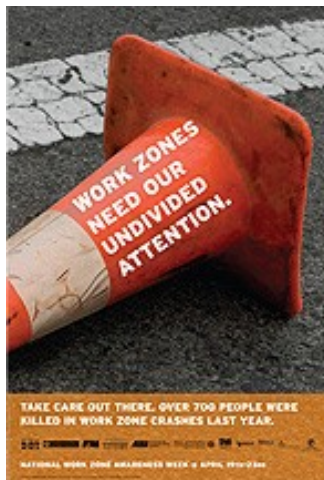
FMCSA is pleased to announce the Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) 2010 [Data Preview](#), which will allow individual motor carriers to review their safety performance data by the CSA 2010 Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories ([BASICS](#)). The Data Preview begins on April 12, 2010 and ends on November 30, 2010, the national launch date for the CSA 2010 safety enforcement program.

During the data preview period, motor carriers are encouraged to closely examine their performance data and immediately address any safety problems. This is also an opportunity for motor carriers to update and verify their safety performance data online.

This important step is designed to focus motor carriers on identifying and addressing unsafe behaviors that can lead to crash risk. It also underscores FMCSA's commitment to data integrity and the motor carrier industry's responsibility for ensuring commercial vehicle safety.

Complete details on the Data Preview and the CSA 2010 implementation schedule are published in the [Federal Register](#). The CSA 2010 implementation schedule supports the critical importance of incorporating the findings from over 30 months of operational model testing in nine CSA 2010 pilot states.

NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS ON APRIL 19th



The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has announced the launch of the *National Work Zone Awareness Week 2010*, (NWZAW) scheduled to kick off at 10:30 AM on April 19 in New York City's Battery Park. This year's theme is "Work Zones Need Your Undivided Attention." Many states are hosting their own NWZAW events to coincide with the national program. Since 1999, FHWA has worked with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) to sponsor the yearly event. In 2009, over 700 people were killed in work zone related crashes and NWZAW will continue to focus national attention on how to safely drive larger vehicles safely through work zones. The NWZAW website has a variety of resources, both for free and for a minimal charge, that can be downloaded and used by your company to reinforce the need to be aware and to slow down during the coming months when work zone activity is at its peak. [GO HERE](#) for more information.



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"It's All About You"

SAMPLE BILL TO HELP STATES IN BANNING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING



Coming on the heels of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) launch of www.distraction.gov, a federal website serving as a source of comprehensive information on distracted driving, Secretary Ray LaHood has issued guidance and a sample bill to states on drafting legislation specifically geared to prohibiting texting while driving.

The sample state law was drafted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and several safety and industry organizations. The law would authorize law enforcement officers to issue citations to drivers caught texting while driving. According to NHTSA research, an estimated 6,000 people died in 2008 in crashes caused by distracted or inattentive drivers and more than a half million people were injured. Secretary LaHood has also previously announced federal guidance to prohibit texting by drivers of commercial vehicles. Bus and truck drivers who text while driving commercial vehicles may be subject to civil or criminal penalties of up to \$2,750. Currently, 19 states and the District of Columbia ban texting for all drivers, and legislation is pending in several others. A full list of cell phone and texting laws by state is available [HERE](#). To see the sample bill, [GO HERE](#).



FHWA OFFERS WEB SITE DETAILING NATIONAL TRAFFIC INFORMATION

The very busy spring and summer travel season requires careful trip planning from transportation providers. FHWA has a National Traffic and Road Closure Information web site that offers pre-trip guides about trouble spots that might impact your travel plans. When you [GO HERE](#), you'll have access to the network of states that offer a "511" service which provides real-time incident and congestion information for your route, links to specific regions and weather and road condition information, including accidents, construction and special events. There are national and regional information links as well as a link to and listing for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

FMCSA DELAYS CSA 2010 IMPLEMENTATION TO 2011

Full implementation of CSA 2010 will be delayed to 2011, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced. The agency's original plan was to begin implementing the program in July 2010 and to have all states fully functional by December of this year. It now appears that although certain phases of CSA 2010 will begin this fall, full implementation will not be completed until spring or perhaps summer of 2011. FMCSA plans to provide motor carriers with a limited preview of their CSA 2010 data beginning on April 12.. While this preview will include carriers' safety events (roadside inspections and crashes) and resulting violations, it will NOT reflect carriers' scores in each of the Behavioral Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICS).

FMCSA also announced that beginning November 30, 2010, motor carriers and the general public will be able to view more complete CSA 2010 Carrier Safety Measurement System (CSMS) data, including scores in each of the BASICS. However, as previously indicated, the public will not be able to view the Crash Indicator scores, because of concerns about the quality of the underlying crash data. On Nov. 30, FMCSA will also begin issuing warning letters to deficient carriers, but will not utilize the full range of CSA 2010 interventions. Instead, FMCSA will use the CSMS (instead of Safestat) to prioritize motor carriers for standard on-site compliance reviews.

Source: ATA

Attention Commercial Motor Vehicle Carriers!

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) new program, Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA 2010), will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency's enforcement and compliance program.

Under CSA 2010, FMCSA will:

- Reach more carriers earlier and more frequently
- Improve efficiency of investigations, focusing on specific unsafe behaviors, identifying root causes, and defining and requiring corrective actions
- Force carriers and drivers to be accountable for their safety performance, demanding and enforcing safe on-road performance
- Make more complete safety performance assessments available to the public

How will this change affect you?

- Unsafe carrier and driver behaviors that lead to crashes will be identified
- All safety-based roadside inspection violations will count
- Drivers will be more accountable for safe on-road performance

What can you do to prepare for the change?

- 1) Check and update your records
 - Update your Motor Carrier Census form (MCS-150)
 - Check your inspection and crash reports (<http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov>)
- 2) Visit the CSA 2010 Website: <http://csa2010.fmcsa.dot.gov>
 - Browse the site to learn more about CSA 2010
 - Subscribe to the RSS feed or email list to stay up-to-date on CSA 2010 news and information
- 3) Ensure compliance
 - Review inspection and violation history for the past 2 years
 - Address safety problems now
 - Educate drivers about how their performance impacts their driving records and the safety assessment of the carrier



With your help, CSA 2010 will help to reduce commercial motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and injuries on our Nation's highways.