

## Brake Safety Day is September 7th

CVSA

Thursday, Sep. 7th, 2017, is Brake Safety Day. The goal of Brake Safety Day is to reduce the number of crashes caused by poorly maintained braking systems on CMVs by conducting roadside mechanical fitness inspections and identifying and removing vehicles with critical violations from the roadways.

During the 2016 blitz, inspectors reported 13.2 percent of inspections with out-of-service brake violations and 14.8 percent of inspections with non-brake related out-of-service violations. Furthermore, since the program's inception in 1998, more than 3.4 million brakes have been inspected.

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## Entry-Level Minimum Training Requirements Became Effective June 5, 2017

The FMCSA and DOT published the Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Vehicle Operators final rule on December 8, 2016.

The final rule was originally set to go into effect on February 6, 2017. However, the Presidential directive, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review," delayed the effective date three times.

The final rule officially became effective June 5, 2017 and still has a compliance date of February 7, 2020.



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## Keeping Workers on Their Feet

*Risk & Insurance*

Slips, trips and falls are largely preventable. However, these accidents consistently account for more than a quarter of all nonfatal occupational injuries.

In fact, falls on same level currently rank as the second highest cause of disabling injuries in the U.S., with direct costs of \$10.17 billion.

Check out *Risk & Insurance's* article on why a comprehensive slip and fall prevention plan is a must for employers.



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## Preventable or Not?

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Trucker John Doe is driving through a veil of rain on a four-lane highway with a posted speed limit of 60mph. Due to the weather, Doe only cruises at 45mph in the far right lane.

Ahead, a truck crawls along at 35mph, so Doe merges into the left lane to pass the truck. Out of nowhere, another car speeds across the median and threatens to hit Doe's left fender.



Doe spins the wheel to the right to avoid a collision. Doe's trailer snaps and flips sideways into the ditch.

Was this preventable or not?

[Find Out.](#)

## Fines for Lowry Hill Tunnel Violators

KSTP

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is urging truckers to stay out of the Lowry Hill Tunnel during the three-month rehab project on the western edge of downtown Minneapolis.

The bridge temporarily closed to large trucks on June 26th due to the normally 12-foot wide lanes being narrowed down to 10-foot wide during construction.



Additional troopers are patrolling the area and handing out \$300 citations to truckers caught in the tunnel during the temporary ban.

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