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Safety Topics

IMPORTANT NEWS ALERT FOR HOLDERS OF CDLs

September 30, 2005, is the date when states are required to implement the commercial driver's license (CDL) disqualification rules that were issued by the DOT in 2002. Once fully in place, the rules will require states to disqualify drivers for offenses committed in any type of vehicle, including personal cars and pickups. In some cases, drivers could lose their CDL's forever.

As states begin to put rules into place, now is the time for all imi drivers to be aware of the types of convictions that could result in a loss of driving privileges.

MAJOR OFFENSES

The offenses listed below, in any vehicle, could result in the disqualification of an individual's CDL for one year after one conviction or up to life after two convictions:

- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs,
- Refusing an alcohol test,
- Leaving the scene of an accident, or
- Using a vehicle to commit a felony.

Other major offenses include driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) with an invalid license and causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a CMV.

SERIOUS TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Being convicted of two or more of these serious traffic violations in any type of vehicle within a three-year period could result in CDL disqualification for 60-120 days if the state revokes, cancels, or suspends your driving privileges:

- Speeding by 15 mph or more,
- Driving recklessly,
- Making improper or erratic lane changes,
- Following too closely, or
- Violating a traffic control law in connection with a fatal accident.

Other serious traffic violations include driving a CMV without a CDL or without having the proper endorsements.

As under the "old" rules, CMV drivers can also be disqualified for violating out-of-service orders or committing railroad-highway grade crossing violations.

While drivers may have had luck in the past at getting convictions removed from their driving records, their luck may soon run out. Under the new rules, states will be prohibited from masking, deferring judgment, or allowing a driver to enter a diversion program that would prevent a conviction from appearing on the driver's record, no matter the state in which the offense occurred.

A big THANKS to Terry Jones and Ronald Miller, one of our friends at Lafarge, for this important update.

For What It Is Worth! A few thoughts for those of us who are married!

YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES: You can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead.

A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Husband Wanted". Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" Father replied, "I don't know, son, I'm still paying."

Then there was a woman who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late."

First guy says, "My wife's an angel!" Second guy remarks, "You're lucky. Mine's still alive."

A young son asked, "Is it true, Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad replied, "That happens in every country, son."

