



...BECAUSE TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE SIMPLE

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Shop Safety Tips

Shop safety is an integral part of Williams' daily success. We generally have a great safety record, but it's always good to remind ourselves of basic safety tips. Great West Casualty, our insurance company, has provided the following safety tips:

- No Smoking – do not allow flames or sparks near flammables or combustibles.
- Wear safety glasses – make it a habit and never enter the shop without safety glasses.
- Always wear approved gloves and proper clothing, keeping your collar and sleeves buttoned when using torches and/or welders.
- Ground electrical hand tools, and never use them while standing in water.
- Keep the work place and walkways free from debris, tools, cords, or cables.
- Always use a jack stand with a jack, and never work under equipment without jack stand protection.
- Never allow greases, oils, or other liquids to accumulate. Slick spots result in slip and fall incidents.
- Keep safety guards in place at all times, and never wear loose clothing during operation.
- Use the right tool for the job and keep tools clean for a solid grip.
- Do not jump off equipment.
- Use approved ladders to prevent sprains, breaks, and back injuries.
- Avoid back injuries – lift with your legs, never with your back.

By keeping these simple shop safety tips in mind, we can be sure that we get through each day safely. Each one of us must make safety a value that does not change regardless of the circumstances. No job is so important that you have to work in an unsafe manner to complete it.



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CVSA-certified enforcement personnel will conduct roadside inspections on commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) as part of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Brake Safety Week, Sept. 16-22, in order to identify and remove CMVs with critical brake violations from our roadways and to call attention to the dangers of faulty brake systems.

Properly functioning brake systems are crucial to safe CMV operation. Brakes must be routinely inspected and carefully and consistently maintained so they operate and perform to the manufacturer's specifications throughout the life of the vehicle. Improperly installed or poorly maintained brake systems can reduce braking efficiency, posing serious risk to public safety on our roadways.

Data and research are clear:

- According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Large Truck Crash Causation (LTCC) Study, 32.7 percent of large trucks with pre-crash violations had brake problems.
- Brake-related violations comprised the largest percentage of out-of-service vehicle violations cited during last year's International Roadcheck.
- The LTCC Study's relative risk analysis indicated that large trucks involved in a crash where the braking capacity of the truck was critical were 50 percent more likely to have a brake violation than were trucks involved in crashes where the truck's braking capacity was not critical.
- According to the LTCC Study, of the trucks involved in brake-

critical crashes, 45.5 percent had brake violations, compared with 29.9 percent of trucks involved in crashes of the same type where the braking was not relevant.

- Results from last year's Brake Safety Day found that 14 percent of all inspections conducted during that one-day brake safety initiative resulted in a CMV being placed out of service for brake-related violations.

During Brake Safety Week, inspectors will primarily conduct the Level 1 inspection, which is a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. Inspections conducted will include inspection of brake-system components to identify loose or missing parts; air or hydraulic fluid leaks; defective rotor conditions; measurement of pushrod travel; mismatched air chamber sizes across axles; air reservoir integrity and mounting; worn linings, pads, drums or rotors; required brake-system warning devices; and other brake-system components. Vehicles with defective or out-of-adjustment brakes will be placed out of service.

Make sure you are doing full pre-trip inspections to ensure your vehicle's braking-system is operational and meets FMCSA regulations. Every piece of equipment you pull should be fully pre-tripped as once you pull it, it becomes your responsibility. Don't leave yourself liable because you didn't want to spend the extra few minutes inspecting your equipment.

HAPPENINGS

Driver Referral Bonus

Refer a driver and make \$500! Just a friendly reminder about our driver referral program. If your referred driver lists you on his/her application and works for Williams for 90 days, you will receive a reward of \$500! If you have any questions about what qualifications a driver must meet, contact Nate, Melissa, or Dan.



Driver of the Month - July

The Driver of the Month for July is **Mike Siddall!** Mike is always going the extra mile for Williams. Dispatch can always count on him to show up and do a great job every day. Keep up the good work, Mike!

Top Wrench - July

Tim Easto is the Top Wrench for July! Tim has done a great job on second shift making sure our trailers are safe and mechanically sound on the roadways. Good work, Tim!