

What can drivers do to prepare for the change?

With any change, the best thing to do is be well-informed. Go to the real source. Our website explains CSA in clear detail. So, spending time there is a good way to separate reality from rumor. And, while CSA does not require mandatory carrier or driver training, it is in everyone's interest to be informed about the program. Here's how:

1) Learn the details about the new BASICs and how FMCSA assesses safety under CSA at <http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

2) Know and follow safety rules and regulations. Check out safe driving tips for commercial motor vehicles by visiting www.fmcsa.dot.gov. Click on "driver" in the Quick Links panel.

3) Review inspection reports before driving away. Ensure data is accurate to avoid corrections later; keep copies of reports.

4) Check your Pre-Employment Screening Program safety record at <http://www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

5) Learn about employers' safety records. Check carrier safety records online at <http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/sms>.

6) Stay connected to CSA. Subscribe to the RSS feed or email list to stay up-to-date on CSA news and information at <http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

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A NEW WAY TO
MEASURE SAFETY

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“Truck and bus safety is my business. It’s also yours. Here’s how we can make our roads safer.”

– FMCSA Administrator, Anne Ferro

Drivers carry safety to the road. Your performance affects your carrier's record. Studies show a small percentage of drivers to be involved in a large number of crashes and, after years of careful study, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has implemented a new approach to safety compliance and enforcement. CSA – Compliance, Safety, Accountability – is a better way to measure on-road performance.

CSA's Safety Measurement System (SMS) focuses on seven categories of behavior related to crash risk. It's a more accurate indicator of safety – from now on, all safety-based roadside inspection violations will count, not just out-of-service violations.

Here are the seven Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICs):

1. Unsafe Driving
2. Fatigued Driving (Hours-of-Service)
3. Driver Fitness
4. Controlled Substances/Alcohol
5. Vehicle Maintenance
6. Cargo-Related
7. Crash Indicator

For drivers with good safety performance histories, CSA is good news. Every carrier's record includes the safety history of its drivers, so having a good safety record means more than ever.

The goal is simple and clear: to make America's highways safer for everyone. Together, we'll make that happen.

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