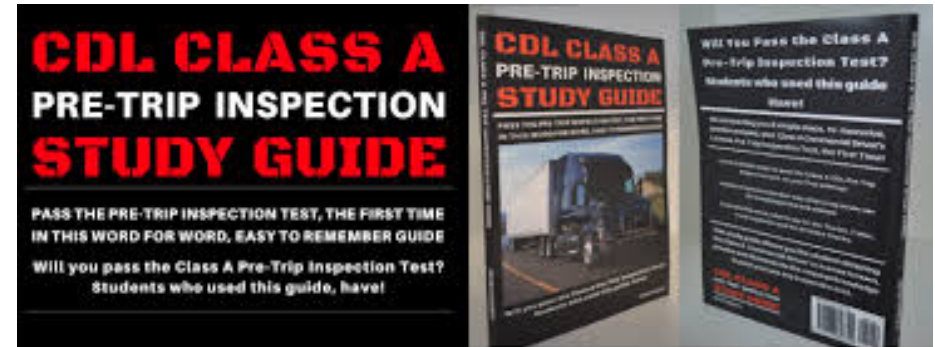




Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Vehicle Inspections Safety Message

The roads can be an extremely dangerous place. According to the National Safety Council, an estimated 42,000 people died in motor vehicle crashes in 2020. While many accidents are caused by distracted driving and driving under the influence, mechanical issues also lead to accidents. Vehicle inspections and preventative maintenance are effective ways to prevent mechanical issue-related crashes.

Mechanical Issue-Related Crashes

Only a few types of mechanical issues represented the majority of accidents that were caused by some type of failure in a vehicle. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration reported that tire/ wheel degradation or failure represented 43% of all mechanical issues resulting in crashes. Brake degradation or failure was second at 21%, and steering/suspension/ transmission failure represented 10.5% of mechanical issues that lead to accidents. It is important to inspect your vehicle for these common issues.

A driver-vehicle inspection report (DVIR) is a key part of your daily operations

DVIRs are more than just a burden imposed on employees by employers. They're required under federal law. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requires pre-trip inspections

While the majority of the time you will never have any of the issues mentioned above, the one time you do, it could result in a serious accident. Take mechanical issues seriously, and when you find one during an inspection, get it fixed by a professional to ensure the vehicle is safe to operate.