



Thank you for attending the 1st of a 3 part Mini Webinar Series presented by the National Safety Council Our Driving Concern Program in partnership with TxDOT and Texas Department of Insurance.

Don't Miss Our Upcoming NSC/ODC events:

Occupational Driving Safety Programs: The Driver

Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:00 am

Occupational Driving Safety Programs: The Vehicle and the Environment

Thursday, November 5, 2015 10:00 am

Our Driving Concern: Making a Difference Train-the-Trainer

4-hour employer traffic safety workshop

Date: November 3, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (check in at 8:30 a.m., begins promptly at 8:45 a.m.)

Location: Texas Dept. of Insurance, 7551 Metro Center Drive, Austin, TX 78744

Space is limited. Please register to attend.

To Register for these events, visit txdrivingconcern.org

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Occupational Driving Safety Programs: The Roadway Workplace

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Driving in Texas

- No deathless days in 2014
- 3,534 people died

	483	people were killed in crashes involving distracted driving
	43.8%	of the people who died in vehicles were not wearing restraints
	50%	of motorcyclists who died were not wearing helmets
	1,041	people were killed in DUI crashes

*Source: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)



Objectives

- Understand why employers should focus on transportation safety
- Understand employer considerations when formulating an effective driving safety program:
- Learn about available resources to help establish and assess driving safety programs



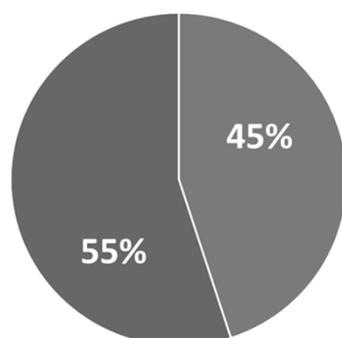
Focus on Transportation

- Transportation related incidents are the leading cause of fatal work injuries
- A variety of industries and occupations require employees to drive or be exposed to hazards associated with driving
- Roadways and work zones are likely the most dangerous part of their work environment



The Statistics

Occupational Deaths



- Transportation
- All Other Causes

- 45% of all fatal occupational injuries in Texas involved transportation incidents (237 out of 524) in 2014



The Statistics

- 57% of the transportation incidents involved occupations other than motor vehicle operators
- An estimated 3,980 non-fatal transportation incidents involved days away from work



Employers Limiting Their Risk

- DWC encourages employers to:
 - Implement effective accident prevention plans that address driving and vehicular hazards
 - Implement and enforce written safety programs and policies for working in and around motor vehicles
 - Review and improve the occupational driving safety program on an annual basis or whenever changes occur



Employer Considerations

- **The Roadway Workplace**
 - Consider the vehicle and road as part of the workplace
- **The Driver**
 - Recognize that driver behavior, skills, and physical conditions affect driving
- **The Vehicle**
 - Ensure proper vehicle maintenance and operations
- **The Environment**
 - Acknowledge that conditions outside the vehicle affect travel



Driver Policies and Safety Programs
 Motor Vehicle Record Checks
 Driver Assessment
 Journey Management
 Applicable Laws

 **THE ROADWAY WORKPLACE**

Driver Policies and Safety Programs

- An effective driving accident prevention plan should:
 - Specify qualifications for employees driving on the job
 - Include policy statements related to the various elements of the plan
- Considerations for qualified drivers include:
 - Valid driver license
 - Minimum number of moving violation convictions on driving record
 - Driving skills assessment



Driver Policies and Safety Programs

- Specify qualifications for both commercial and non-commercial drivers in employment policies



Motor Vehicle Record Checks

- Review driver license status, driving records of employees operating motor vehicles as part of their job
- Check driver motor vehicle records at pre-hire and after to assess employee driving behavior



Driver Assessment

- Options to assess driving skills include:
 - Pre-hire driver screening tests
 - In-vehicle monitoring systems
 - Driver observation
 - Shadowing with drivers familiar with specialized motor vehicle operations



Journey Management

- Necessity and risk of each work-related trip should be assessed
- Minimize travel where possible
- If employee must drive, choose the safest:
 - Route
 - Time of day
 - Vehicle
 - Environmental conditions



Applicable Laws



- Employers should ensure that their programs and policies comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations



Assess Your Plan

- Occupational Driving Safety Program Review Checklist
 - <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/videoresource/ckl occdrivesafe.pdf>



DWC Resources

- Occupational Driving Safety Programs
 - <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/drivesafe.html>
- Workplace Safety Programs and Services
 - www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/index.html
 - (512) 804-4610
 - safetytraining@tdi.texas.gov



Next Webinar in this Series

- Occupational Driving Safety Programs: The Driver
 - Recognize that driver behavior, skills, and physical conditions affect driving
- October 29, 2015
- 10:00 am



Questions?

