

OUR DRIVING CONCERN

TEXAS EMPLOYER TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

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August 2015

August 17 - September 5

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

September 18-24

Child Passenger Safety Week

September 24

Seat Check Saturday

[Find a location near you](#)

September 26

Drug Take-Back Day

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September 26 - October 2

2015 NSC Congress & Expo

October 5-9

Drive Safely Work Week

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www.txdrivingconcern.org

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FREE PASS - 2015 National Safety Council Safety Expo

Will you be at NSC's Congress in Atlanta this year? *Visit us at the Our Driving Concern booth for free materials!* Don't Miss the Premier Safety Expo of the Year! The NSC Congress & Expo offers prime networking opportunities to help you build business relationships and interact with industry leaders.

The Our Driving Concern program invites you to visit the expo hall *for free* by signing up for a VIP Guest pass. There is no limit on how many people you invite, simply share the link below. Our guests receive a complimentary *one day* expo hall pass on the day of their choice (a \$100 dollar value), or they can apply the \$100 towards a Full Conference Pass or 3 Day Expo Pass.



Register using the link below, or forward to a friend! [2015 NSC Safety Expo - Free Pass](#)



Free Safety Tips Widget for your website

We are excited to offer the 2016 Safety Tips Widget, a safety resource available exclusively to our members. Use it on your organization's intranet to engage and educate your employees on issues affecting their safety and the safety of those around them.

This is a great tool for websites, to [Learn more about the Safety Tip Widgets available, and how to install them.](#)

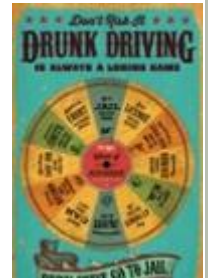
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Materials call attention to a deadly holiday tradition

Take a few minutes and talk to your employees about something that is dangerous, and potentially deadly. Few Texans would use these words to describe Labor Day Weekend. While many look forward to one last hurrah to end their summer, Labor Day weekend is an especially dangerous time on our roads. Alcohol-related crashes are a serious problem in Texas. *The state has a DUI-alcohol crash every 20 minutes and 37 seconds*

If you are going to consume alcohol, follow the rules of the road. Do not get behind the wheel. Designate a driver, catch a bus, call a cab or someone you trust to pick you up, or, if necessary, spend the night where you are. A DWI arrest and conviction in Texas can cost up to \$17,000. Offenders must pay a long list of costs, including vehicle towing and impoundment, bail, attorney fees, court and probation fees, fees to regain or retain a driver license, and a hike in auto insurance premiums.



- [TxDOT Labor Day Resources](#)
- [PEAK Campaign Materials for Labor Day Weekend](#)

TxDOT makes Rollover Simulators available

The roll-over convincer may be a great addition for health & safety fairs at your location. All TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialists have Rollover Simulators available. For contact information and information about simulator demonstrations at your location, please [view the brochure](#). Demonstrations can show the importance of seatbelt use, which have been shown to reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about half. Air bags provide added protection but are not a substitute for seat belts. Air bags plus seat belts provide the greatest protection for adults.



MyCarDoesWhat.org provides answers for car buyers, drivers

Ever wondered about how car safety features like blindspot monitoring or lane departure warnings work or if you are using these features as they were intended? MyCarDoesWhat.org uses videos, graphics, animation, social media and other resources to educate the public on the ever-changing world of car safety features. The campaign provides quick and easy-to-use information for any driver, no matter what kind of car they have or how old it is. Find out more on the MyCarDoesWhat.org website.

Get the facts about the growing drug epidemic in your workplace

You know the risks that impact your workplace, but a new epidemic is on the rise and it's one that every employer needs to know. The National Safety Council has released a new FREE white paper for employers called [*Prescription Pain Medications: A Fatal Cure for Injured Workers*](#). In 2011, more than 25% of worker's compensation prescriptions drug claims were prescription opioid pain medication—sometimes know by more familiar names like Norco, Oxycontin and Vicodin. Death by overdose from these medications now exceeds death from both heroin and cocaine combined, resulting in nearly 16,000 fatalities in 2013.

This document outlines the current prescription drug abuse problem, the safety and financial risks it presents to employers, and what you need to know to protect workers and decrease your liability. Get the facts you need so you can get the conversation started and implement a comprehensive policy in your workplace.

Engage your employees to talk about why they stay safe, on and off the job.

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal
Saturday, September 27th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Click here for a collection site near you.



DEA Announces Drug Take-Back Day Sept 26th

DEA Acting Administrator Chuck Rosenberg today announced that the 10th National Prescription Drug Take-Back will take place **September 26th from 10 am-2 pm local time**. As with the previous nine Take-Back events, sites will be set up throughout communities nationwide so local residents can return their unwanted, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal. **Collection sites in every local community can be found by going to www.dea.gov.**

The Our Driving Concern Newsletter

Our Driving Concern is a monthly e-newsletter from the Texas Employer Traffic Safety Program, a landmark driving initiative funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. This initiative is building a statewide network of employer involvement in crash prevention for employees both on-and-off the job.

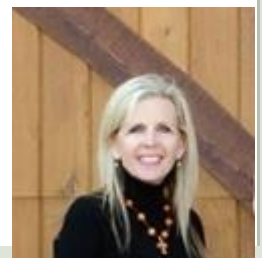
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Our goal is to help employers put traffic safety into their safety culture.

Please feel free to contact me,

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