



June 2013

[National Safety Month](#)

June

**Our Driving Concern
Summer Webinar Series**
Aug. – Sept. (Dates TBD)

[2013 NSC Congress & Expo](#)
Sept. 28 – Oct. 2

Motorcycles

In 2012, 460 motorcyclists were killed in Texas traffic crashes. Check out the TxDOT [Look, Learn, Live](#) campaign to learn more about sharing the road safely with motorcycles.

Source: [LookLearnLive.org](#)

Our Driving Concern: Making a Difference

Our Driving Concern is offering a **FREE** new training for employers to provide necessary traffic safety information to keep employees safe on Texas roads. Training sessions will take place throughout the state, and we can even come to your workplace to host a training for a group of employees. **RSVP today for one of our free trainings or schedule your own by contacting Lisa.Robinson@NSC.org.**

NSC Welcomes New Texas ODC Program Manager

The Texas Employer Safety Program welcomes Lisa Robinson, CFLE to the position of Program Manager. She is replacing Debby Young, who recently left the program. Lisa has a vast background in traffic safety education and brings a lot of expertise with her. She is excited to join the National Safety Council in this role and looks forward to visiting with employers all across the state of Texas, as well as providing resources and support for Texas employers! You can contact her directly at Lisa.Robinson@nsc.org or (512) 466-7383.

Fourth of July Driving Safety

This Independence Day, make sure you keep safety in mind while celebrating with your friends and family. In 2011, there were [41 fatal crashes and 56 fatalities](#) throughout the Fourth of July weekend, making it one of the deadliest weekends of the year on Texas roadways. If you are drinking, designate a sober driver, and if you are hosting a party, make sure all of your guests have prearranged rides!

Our Driving Concern Summer Webinar Series

The *Our Driving Concern* webinar series provides an opportunity to learn about the different approaches taken by employers to deliver employee traffic safety initiatives. We are currently developing the 2013 **Our Driving Concern Summer Webinar Series** with topics of interest to Texas employers. Please visit our [website](#) to learn what webinars will be offered and to sign up.

Celebrate National Safety Month This June

Each June, NSC encourages organizations and communities to participate in National Safety Month – an annual observance to educate and encourage safe behaviors around leading causes of preventable injuries and deaths. This year's campaign – Safety Starts with Me – highlights the steps every individual can take to be a safety leader. Free materials including posters, tip sheets and games are available at nsc.org/nsm to help spread these important safety messages.

Take a P.A.S.S. This Summer

As you make plans this summer, the Texas Department of Transportation encourages all drivers to line up a P.A.S.S. (**P**erson **A**ppointed to **S**tay **S**ober) before attending events with alcohol. Over the past five summers, alcohol-related fatalities increased by more than [10 percent](#) in Texas. To curb this trend and help reduce drinking and driving, the Texas Department of Transportation is reminding Texans to obtain a Summer

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P.A.S.S. (Person Appointed to Stay Sober) and make a sober driver an essential part of their summer plans. In the summer of 2012 (June 1 – Aug. 31), there were 6,576 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 2,486 serious injuries and 302 fatalities.



Our Driving Concern Passenger Restraint Posters and Brochures

Visit the *Our Driving Concern* website to download free posters and brochures on passenger restraints to share with your colleagues.

[Safety Belts Brochure](#)

[Employer Costs Brochure](#)

["Buckle Up" Payroll Stuffer](#)

[Safety Belt Savings Payroll Stuffer](#)



Take the Texas Challenge!

The NSC Texas Challenge Injury Facts [quiz](#) is the newest way to educate employees about driving risks. The Texas Challenge provides a weekly question and safety tips directly related to Texas roadways.

Ways to use the Texas Challenge:

- Download and print posters linked in the quiz to hang around the building and share with employees.
- Use the quiz to reward employees for learning about driving risks.
- Share the quiz with audiences beyond employees, including customers, vendors and citizens in the community.

Our Driving Concern would love to hear your workplace safety success stories, problems and questions. Please send an e-mail to lisa.robinson@nsc.org, and your story may be shared with other Texas safety employers.

(Links to Resources)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/>

National Safety Council

<http://www.nsc.org>

Texas Department of Transportation

<http://www.txdot.gov/>

Texas Employers Traffic Safety Program

<http://www.txdrivingconcern.org>

Texas Transportation Institute

<http://tti.tamu.edu/>

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U.S. Department of Transportation

<http://www.dot.gov/>

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. Because you care about your employees and their families, and keeping employees safe means keeping your business healthy, this e-newsletter provides you with traffic safety resources from across the state. Visit us at www.txdrivingconcern.org.

Please send safety comments, experiences, stories or questions to:

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