



Calendar:

[Motorcycle Safety Month](#)

May

[National Youth Traffic Safety Month](#)

May

[Texas Safety Summit](#)

May 18-20

[Click It or Ticket – Memorial Day](#)

May 24-June 6

[National Safety Month](#)

June

[4th of July Impaired Driving Prevention](#)

June 20-July 4

414

Estimated number of motor vehicle deaths that occurred during the Memorial Day holiday period in 2008

Protect your employees both on and off the job by promoting workplace safety and health, which also can improve your organization's production and bottom line. Our Driving Concern looks at different policies organizations can incorporate to keep employees safe throughout the summer and beyond.

Motor vehicle policies: A safety investment

The National Safety Council estimates 23 percent of workplace deaths occur on the highway, making it important for employers to establish motor vehicle safety policies, including a corporate cell phone ban.

The *San Angelo Standard-Times* [reported](#) the Texas Workforce Commission had an increase in the number of inquiries regarding cell phone policies in the workplace last year. Employers are worried not only about cell phone use while driving, but other cell phone-related issues as well.

The cost of workplace injuries

In 2008, more than 3.7 million OSHA recordable cases and 1.1 million days away from work cases occurred. During the same year, the total cost of workplace injuries and deaths exceeded \$183 billion, or \$1,250 per worker.

In an effort to reduce these numbers, OSHA introduced a new National Emphasis Program on [recordkeeping](#).

DOT drug, alcohol program final rules

The Department of Transportation has published three drug and alcohol program final rules. The [first rule](#) states employers must disclose to state authorities the drug- or alcohol-related violations of any employee who holds a commercial driver's license and operates a commercial motor vehicle. The [second rule](#) updates two important DOT forms, which are the U.S. DOT Alcohol Testing Form and the Management Information System Data Collection Form. The [third rule](#) maintains the current alcohol screening device procedures.

Stop underage drinking

As prom and graduation season arrives, many parents worry about underage drinking. The University of Minnesota [reported](#) most teens have social access to alcohol from friends, co-workers, parents, siblings and strangers. Policies that address social access to alcohol include Beer Keg Registration, Alcohol Restrictions on Public Property and Social Host Liability.

A new national campaign, [We Don't Serve Teens](#), also provides parents and teens with resources on how to stop teen drinking and its dangerous consequences.

Click It or Ticket

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Memorial Day Click It or Ticket campaign will take place this month from May 24 to June 6. Law enforcement agencies from across the nation will join together to raise awareness on the importance of buckling up and enacting a zero-tolerance enforcement policy. Find [TxDOT Click It or Ticket](#) materials.

Get 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.

Free materials for Texas employers

Order innovative payroll stuffers and information cards specifically created for you to communicate with your employees.

[Paper cutouts](#) address the dangers associated with distracted driving, non-use of safety belts and impaired driving. These materials are a great way to communicate the risks of unsafe driving behaviors to employees and their families.

In addition to ordering print copies, you can download, print and share these materials electronically in your own employee communications. To download, click on the PDF link on the [shopping cart](#) page.

(Feedback)

Our Driving Concern would love to hear your workplace safety success stories, problems and questions. Please send an e-mail to our Peer Advice column at debby.young@nsc.org and your story may be shared with other Texas safety employers.

(Links to Resources)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

National Safety Council
<http://www.nsc.org>

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<http://www.osha.gov/>

Stop Impaired Driving
<http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org>

Texas Department of Transportation
<http://www.txdot.gov/>

Texas Employers Traffic Safety Program
<http://www.txdrivingconcern.org>

Texas Workforce Commission
<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>

University of Minnesota, Alcohol Epidemiology Program
<http://www.epi.umn.edu/alcohol/policy/access.shtm>

U.S. Department of Transportation
<http://www.dot.gov/>

We Don't Serve Teens
<http://www.dontserveteens.gov/>

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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.

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