

## Safety Management Council

The Safety Management Council of the Nevada Trucking Association is dedicated to enhancing the safety and security of the trucking industry. This council brings together industry experts to share best practices, provide safety training, and networking with peers and partners in law enforcement and regulatory agencies. By fostering a collaborative environment, the council aims to ensure that all members are equipped with the knowledge and resources needed to maintain the highest safety standards on the road.

## It's That Time of Year! Nevada Traction Device Requirements

Nevada chain requirements vary from chain requirements in other states.

Below, you will find Nevada traction device requirement definitions, as well as a comparison of Nevada and California chain requirements. This and additional information can be found online at <https://www.dot.nv.gov/safety/safe-winter-driving/traction-and-chain-requirement-descriptions>

CONDITIONS / TRACTION DEVICES	NEVADA REQUIREMENTS	CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS
Chains or Snow Tires Required	Vehicles < 10,000 GVW are required to use snow tires or approved traction devices. Vehicles > 10,000 GVW must use chains on driving wheels and braking wheels of trailer. Four-wheel-drive OK with four mud-snow (M-S) tires. NAC 484.240 (1)	Cars and light trucks < 6,000 GVW must have mud-snow (M-S) tires on driving wheels. Motorists are advised to carry chains. Vehicles > 6,000 GVW must use chains on drive wheels. (R-1)
Chains Required, Except For	Chains required on all vehicles, except four-wheel-drive with four mud-snow (M-S) tires. NAC 484.240 (2)	Chains required on all vehicles, except four-wheel-drives or all-wheel-drives with snow tread tires on all four wheels. All-wheel-drive and four-wheel-drive vehicles must carry chains. (R-2)
Chains Mandatory	Nevada does not use this condition.	Chains required on ALL VEHICLES without exception. (R-3)

Click [HERE](#) for an easy-to-print traction requirement brochure from NTA

Click below for the NV Dept. of Transportation “Snow & Ice Take it Slow” tri-fold brochure. Great for drivers and trucking staff!

<https://www.dot.nv.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/98/636178527221670000>

## Wreaths Across America



The Nevada Trucking Association is partnering with Wreaths Across America to fill (virtually) one trailer load of sponsored veterans' wreaths to send to Arlington National Cemetery this December. This is approximately 5,000 wreaths that will be laid on the final resting place of Nevada servicemembers.

On December 14, 2024, Wreaths Across America donors and volunteers will Remember and Honor our veterans by laying veterans' wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring a wreath(s), volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family & friends to attend events across the country.

Thank you so much for supporting the Nevada Trucking Association and Wreaths Across America! Click the link below to sponsor wreaths or to volunteer.

[www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/nevadatrucking](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/nevadatrucking)

## **Nevada Snapshot**

Here is some interesting data that you can find while searching through the FMCSA website:

State of Nevada:

- : 9,776 unique DOT numbers
- : 8,225 DOT numbers with recent inspection activity
- : 34,079 power units within those DOT numbers
- : 18,875 straight trucks within those DOT numbers
- : 402 motor carriers have at least one Alert in the SMS system
- : 77 motor carriers have an Alert in Unsafe Driving

## **Nevada Advances Heat Illness Regulations**

On October 22, 2024, the NV Department of Business & Industry, Division of Industrial Relations held an adoption hearing on the proposed heat illness regulations. This regulation now moves to the Legislature for a final vote.

To summarize, Nevada's regulation does NOT stipulate a specific temperature under which the rules come into play. Rather, the regulation requires a one-time job hazard analysis that will focus on factors exacerbating heat illness such as temperature, humidity and required personal protective equipment. It also sets a standard to mitigate heat illness symptoms with water, rest and shade (where applicable).

## **Did You Know?**

DataQs is an FMCSA system that allows you to request a review of inspection & crash data you believe to be incomplete or inaccurate.

The system enables you to improve the accuracy of your Safety Measurement System safety profile. And remember, much of that information is open to the public!

Did a driver get an inspection that had errors?

Do you have a "not at fault" crash on your record in the last 24 months?

These are both examples of what can be appealed in order to keep your SMS record as accurate as possible. If you do not have a DataQ account or want to learn how to submit DataQ appeals, reach out to [patti@nevadatrucking.com](mailto:patti@nevadatrucking.com).

The DataQs website can be found at <https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov>

## Nevada Responds to Industry Concerns Survey

In August, NTA circulated a request for our members to respond to a survey distributed by the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) to identify the top issues in trucking. Below are the results of that survey. The first column is made up of responses from Nevada companies, while the other columns are the priorities identified by all respondents (divided by motor carrier and driver-specific responses).

As you can see, NTA members have identified priorities around some of the most concerning issues in the industry – battery electric vehicle mandates, the economy and fuel prices.

For a full copies of the NV or national reports, contact [Patti@NevadaTrucking.com](mailto:Patti@NevadaTrucking.com)

Rank	Nevada Priorities	Natl. Motor Carrier Priorities	Natl. Driver Priorities
1	Battery Electric Vehicles	Economy Lawsuit Abuse	Truck Parking
2	Economy	Reform	Driver Compensation
3	Fuel Prices	Driver Shortage	Economy
4	Diesel Technician Shortage	Insurance Cost / Availability	Detention / Delay at Customer Facility
5	Insurance Cost / Availability	Driver Retention	Speed Limiters
6	Lawsuit Abuse Reform	Compliance, Safety & Accountability	Broker Issues
7	Compliance, Safety & Accountability	Truck Parking Battery Electric Vehicles	ELD Mandates
8	Driver Shortage	Vehicles	Fuel Prices
9	Driver Health & Wellness	Driver Distraction Diesel Technician	Autonomous Trucks
10	Driver Distraction	Shortage	Driver Training Standards

## Regulatory & Enforcement News

- The Nevada Highway Patrol has just received 18 Dual Wheel Load Scales they purchased through MCSAP grants. Now that they are in hand, the scales will be deployed throughout the state. With these scales, NHP inspectors will now be able to identify unequal weight distribution within a dual tire configuration.

- **NEW!** Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP) Monitoring program for Drivers. PSP Monitoring is an optional new service that automatically informs drivers when their PSP data changes. Drivers who subscribe for the free monitoring service will receive an email each time their PSP record changes. This PSP monitoring service is offered free of charge and is for use by drivers only. To enroll you will need to log into PSP and go to the Driver Dashboard, then click on Enroll in PSP Monitoring.  
<https://www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov/psp/drivers>

## Training & Seminars

- **NATMI Certified Director of Safety Class has been rescheduled to March 10-14<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas.** This class is designed to provide transportation safety directors and prospective safety directors with skills they need to manage an effective safety program. Through case-based scenarios, learn how to “sell” safety to top management, foster a safety “culture” in the organization, demonstrate safety’s Return on Investment, and consistently improve the safety of company operations using quality management approaches. Register through [Patti@NevadaTrucking.com](mailto:Patti@NevadaTrucking.com) or at [www.NATMI.org/training](http://www.NATMI.org/training)
- Upcoming trainings:
  - Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors (online)
  - Periodic Vehicle Inspection & Qualification (online)
  - Defensive Driving (online)
  - Cargo Securement (online)
  - Pre/Post Trip Inspections – focused on smaller combination vehicles (online)
  - Cyber Security / Broker Fraud / Insurance Fraud (webinar)
  - Interested in other topics? Email Patti at [Patti@NevadaTrucking.com](mailto:Patti@NevadaTrucking.com)

## Save the Dates!

November 6th - Safety Council - Las Vegas

November 12th - Safety Council – Reno

March 10-14, 2025 – Certified Director of Safety course – Las Vegas

## NTA Member Programs Help Save You Money!

NTA has negotiated with industry partners to provide our members with programs that save money and add value to your company. To date, we have 5 options, outlined below. Identify yourself as an NTA member to receive the discounts.

- **NEW! Schooley Mitchell** – product savings- ELDs, telecommunications, uniforms and more. Contact Rodney Wead, [Rodney.wead@schooleymitchell.com](mailto:Rodney.wead@schooleymitchell.com), 317-588-9325.
- **TSC Testing** – discounted drug testing – Levi Ochotorena, [lochotorena@tsctestng.com](mailto:lochotorena@tsctestng.com), 916-345-5022

- **Ironwood Business Consulting** – free telephone support for questions on DOT / OSHA / HR and more - Tammy Bailey, [tammy@ironwoodbc.com](mailto:tammy@ironwoodbc.com), 936-537-0638
- **Driver's Legal Plan** – subscription-based legal assistance for drivers – Tina Hopkins, [tina@driverslegalplan.com](mailto:tina@driverslegalplan.com), 405-724-4219
- **Goodyear Tires** – discount pricing on tires – Roland Corona, [roland\\_corona@goodyear.com](mailto:roland_corona@goodyear.com), 209-576-6064
- **FREE! Momentum Dashboard / Bluewire Severity Reports** – safety performance tracking – Patti Gillette, [patti@nevadatrucking.com](mailto:patti@nevadatrucking.com), 720-560-3957

## Get Involved!

We are excited to invite all members to actively participate in our Safety Council and safety-related programs. By joining, you'll have the opportunity to contribute valuable insights, share experiences, and collaborate on events. Let's work together to build a positive safety culture in Nevada. Join us in making a difference! Contact Patti today!



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