

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. Join us today!

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Safety Council Meeting

We will hold our next Safety Council meeting in Las Vegas on April 8, 2025. There will be a zoom option for those who can't attend in-person. (NTA South / 195 E Reno Ave., Suite B, Las Vegas)

Join us as Trooper Darold Kassebaum provides information on the Nevada State Police motor carrier services. He will discuss what triggers a Safety Inspection, what Safety Inspectors look for, what sorts of violations they are seeing, driver safety training and more.

Additionally, we will have our regular reports and discussions.

Nevada Truck Driving Championships – Can you Help?



Join us in Reno – located on the
Historic Lincoln Highway!

The 2025 NV Truck Driving Championship has been scheduled for May 3rd in Reno. We are looking for course judges, pre-trip judges, driver attendants, score runners and more. No experience or CDL necessary (except for equipment movers).

We are also in need of donated equipment, sponsorships and raffle items! If you would can help, please contact Patti@NevadaTrucking.com.

Details can be found at www.NevadaTrucking.com under the Events tab.

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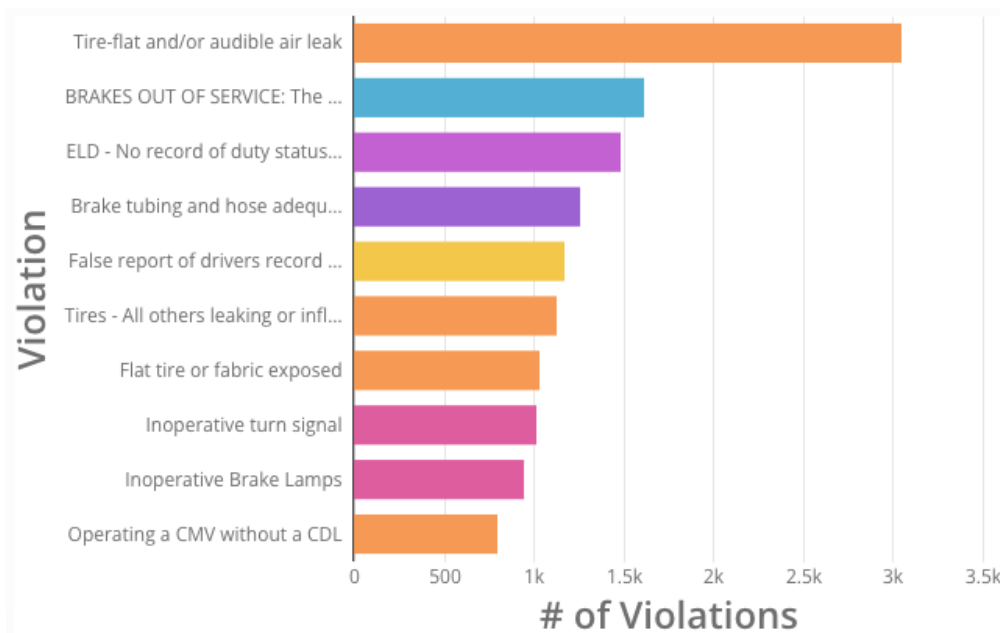
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Top 10 Out of Service Violations for Nevada Motor Carriers (nationwide)

A critical sub-set of roadside violations are those that put the driver or vehicle out of service. Identify these for immediate action within your fleet to make a difference in your safety performance and public-facing safety scores.

Contact Patti@NevadaTrucking.com if you want to see your personalized report. These are available for all motor carriers with an interstate DOT number.



Courtesy of Bluewire.ai

Preventable or Non-Preventable? That is the Question...

The American Trucking Associations' Preventability Guidelines help determine whether a truck crash could have been avoided by the driver or company. Below are examples of preventable and non-preventable crash scenarios based on these guidelines.

A crash is considered **preventable** if the truck driver or company could have reasonably avoided it through better judgment, defensive driving, or proper vehicle maintenance.

1. Rear-End Collision

- **Scenario:** A truck driver follows too closely and is unable to stop in time when traffic suddenly slows down, crashing into the car ahead.
- **Preventability: Preventable** – The driver should have maintained a safe following distance to allow for sudden stops.

2. Lane Change Crash

- **Scenario:** A truck driver changes lanes without properly checking blind spots and collides with a car in the adjacent lane.
- **Preventability: Preventable** – The driver should have used mirrors, turn signals, and checked blind spots before changing lanes.

3. Loss of Control on Wet or Icy Roads

- **Scenario:** A driver is speeding in rainy conditions, hydroplanes, and crashes into a guardrail.
- **Preventability: Preventable** – The driver should have adjusted speed for road conditions.

4. Crash Due to Mechanical Failure

- **Scenario:** The truck's brakes fail due to lack of proper maintenance, leading to a collision.
- **Preventability: Preventable** – The trucking company or driver should have ensured routine maintenance and inspections.

5. Intersection Collision

- **Scenario:** A truck driver runs a red light and crashes into cross-traffic.
- **Preventability: Preventable** – The driver should have obeyed traffic signals and slowed down.

A crash is considered **non-preventable** if it was caused by factors beyond the truck driver's or company's control.

1. Hit While Legally Parked

- **Scenario:** A truck is parked legally in a designated rest area, and another vehicle crashes into it.
- **Preventability: Non-preventable** – The truck was parked safely and was not moving.

2. Rear-Ended by Another Vehicle

- **Scenario:** A truck is stopped at a red light and is hit from behind by a speeding car.
 - **Preventability: Non-preventable** – The truck driver had no control over the other driver's actions.
3. **Sudden Medical Emergency**
- **Scenario:** A truck driver suffers a heart attack while driving, causing loss of control and a crash.
 - **Preventability: Non-preventable** – If the driver had passed all required medical exams, the medical emergency was unforeseen.
4. **Animal Strike**
- **Scenario:** A large deer suddenly jumps in front of a truck on the highway, causing a crash.
 - **Preventability: Non-preventable** – The driver could not have reasonably avoided the collision.
5. **Tire Blowout Due to Road Debris**
- **Scenario:** A truck's tire blows out after hitting an unavoidable object on the road, leading to a crash.
 - **Preventability: Non-preventable** – If the truck was properly maintained and the driver could not avoid the debris, the crash was unavoidable.

Free Safety Tool: The FMCSA Safety Planner

The FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) Safety Planner is a free tool designed to help motor carriers understand and comply with federal safety regulations. It provides guidance on how to improve safety management practices and maintain compliance with FMCSA requirements.

Key Features of the FMCSA Safety Planner:

1. **Regulatory Compliance:** Offers information on FMCSA regulations, including Hours of Service (HOS), driver qualification requirements, vehicle maintenance, and hazardous materials transportation.
2. **Best Practices:** Provides safety management techniques to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs).
3. **Customizable Guidance:** Allows carriers to tailor the planner to their specific operations and compliance needs.
4. **Inspection and Audit Preparation:** Helps carriers prepare for roadside inspections, compliance reviews, and safety audits.
5. **Safety Improvement Strategies:** Recommends policies and procedures to enhance fleet safety and minimize violations.

This planner is especially useful for motor carriers, safety managers, and compliance officers looking to maintain a safe and legally compliant operation under FMCSA regulations.

Click [HERE](#) or go to <https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetyplanner/> to learn more.

Upcoming Training & Seminars

Periodic Annual Inspections Procedures & Qualifications

June 3, 2025 – ZOOM – 8am – 12:30pm - \$140/person

This course covers the elements of the DOT annual periodic vehicle inspection, completion of the annual inspection reports and placement of decals. Students will learn the regulatory requirements of the annual periodic vehicle inspection and 49 CFR 393 and 396 Appendix A, previously known as Appendix G. Inspectors/technicians will learn the requirements to become a qualified inspector and how to maintain qualification.

ProGroup Safety Courses are open to all NTA members (visit www.pgmnv.com to register and see course descriptions & fees). Courses are available in Reno, Carson City and Las Vegas.

- OSHA 10 Hour Construction
 - CPR / First Aid / AED (Adult, Child & Infants)
 - OSHA Injury & Illness Reporting
 - OSHA 10 Hour General Industry
 - Mobile Equipment Safety
 - Slips, Trips & Falls
 - Reasonable Suspicion for non-DOT Supervisors
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Save the Dates!

May 3 – NV Truck Driving Championships – Reno

May 8 – NTA Legislative Day

June 3 – Periodic Inspection Procedures & Qualifications Seminar via ZOOM

June 11 – Safety Symposium & Lunch – Las Vegas

Safety Council Meetings

April 8 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM

May 13 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM

June 10 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM

July 9 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM

August 12 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM
September 10 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM
October 14 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM
November 12 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM
December 9 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM

Other Dates of Interest

April 23-25, 2025 – ATA Safety, Security & Human Resources Conference
April 27 – May 1, 2025 – CVSA Workshop – New Orleans, LA
May 13-15, 2025 – International Roadcheck
July 13-19, 2025 – Operation Safe Driver
August 20-23, 2025 – National Truck Driving Championships – Minneapolis, MN
August 24-30, 2025 – Brake Safety Week
September 14-20, 2025 – National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
September 21-27, 2025 – National Technician Appreciation Week

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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GUEST COLUMN

Mobilizing the Transportation Industry to Combat Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a staggering \$236 billion industry impacting over 50 million individuals globally. Every day, countless victims, including many children, are subjected to exploitation at truck stops, rest areas, hotels and various locations along our highways and in our communities. Simultaneously, transportation industry members are in these *same* places, uniquely positioned to recognize and report what they see. With the transportation industry employing over seven million people, and with more professional drivers on the road at any one time than law enforcement officers, these men and women are in integral positions to become frontline responders in the fight against human trafficking.

Commonly portrayed as modern-day slavery, human trafficking comprises both forced labor and sexual exploitation, encompassing tactics such as coercion, deceit and torture, which can keep victims trapped without the need for physical chains. These invisible bonds of manipulation can make victims appear as though they are willing participants when, in reality, they are being exploited against their will.

Since its inception in 2009, TAT (Truckers Against Trafficking) has been committed to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of key industries and agencies – including trucking, bus and energy sectors – to combat human trafficking. By taking an innovative and proactive approach, TAT enables transportation professionals to collaborate effectively with law enforcement, enhancing efforts to combat this serious human rights violation. With over two million industry professionals and drivers trained across the U.S. so far, these vigilant eyes and ears are crucial in disrupting trafficking operations and aiding in the recovery of victims.

Together, we can make a difference. By fostering awareness and encouraging action, we can help put an end to this issue and safeguard the rights and dignity of those who are most vulnerable among us. Join the fight against human trafficking; every effort counts!

Join the fight:

- Contact TAT to find the best path to implement our free training for your drivers. TAT has documentary-style videos specific for over-the-road drivers, local drivers, movers, bus and transit operators and energy industry workers.
- Place an order for our free resources like wallet cards, window decals and posters.
- Host a webinar with TAT. We have a menu of topics that can be presented for your company.

- Go public with your partnership with TAT and promote awareness of the subject through your social media channels using our social media toolkit.
- Encourage employees to download the TAT app.

The fight against human trafficking is a collective effort, and we're counting on you. For more information on how to get your fleet or staff trained, please go to the TAT website, www.tatnonprofit.org or contact info@tatnonprofit.org. A TAT staff member will assist you in joining over two million other transportation members who have already invested in ending human trafficking, or modern-day slavery, one of the most egregious human rights abuses of our time.

Courtesy of Truckers Against Trafficking