

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 on March 12, 2026. This will be held on ZOOM only.

Join us as Owen Williams with USA Fleet Solutions and Desiree Franz from Geotab present “Weathering the Storm: A Roadmap for Safety, Compliance and Profitability in 2026.”



TDC Scheduled for May 2nd

Welcome to the Nevada Truck Driving Championship – where skill meets safety! Join us on May 2nd in Las Vegas to celebrate the unsung heroes of the road, as skilled drivers from across the state gather to showcase their precision, expertise and commitment to

safety. This isn't just a competition; it is a testament to the dedication of truck drivers who navigate our highways with skill and responsibility.

Participate in this exciting event that goes beyond driving, focusing on promoting safety standards and recognizing the invaluable contribution of truck drivers. Come, be a part of a community that honors the hardworking individuals behind the wheel, and let's drive together towards a future where safety takes the front seat. Your skills deserve recognition – join us at the Nevada Truck Driving Championships and let the road be your stage!

Details:

What: The Nevada State Truck Driving Championship

When: Saturday, May 2nd

Where: GT4, 4288 Polaris Avenue, Las Vegas

Cost: \$150 members / \$250 non-members

The competition consists of a written test, a vehicle inspection and a precision driving course. It is open to all drivers with a NV CDL who are accident-free for the past 12 months.

Please reach out to patti@nevadatrucking.com if you are interested in being a volunteer, sponsor or equipment provider. More information is also on our website at www.nevadatrucking.com under the Events Tab.

ALERT! Recent Phishing Scheme Targets Motor Carriers

Fraudulent Emails Posing as USDOT and FMCSA Sent to Motor Carriers

FMCSA has identified a new, aggressive phishing campaign in which motor carriers receive emails falsely claiming to be from U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) or FMCSA officials. These emails often contain professional-looking documents and legitimate-looking links, but they are **fake and designed to steal sensitive information or demand illegal payments**.

What You Need to Know

- These emails **DO NOT** come from USDOT or FMCSA.
- Official FMCSA correspondence **almost always** uses an email address ending in **.gov**. In **special circumstances**, such as customer satisfaction surveys after contacting the FMCSA Contact Center, emails may come from a non-.gov address. These surveys request feedback only and will **not** ask for personal, payment, or account information.

- Links in phishing emails typically lead to suspicious, non-.gov domains (for example, **fmcsa.web.saferwebdattaconnect.pro**).
- FMCSA will never request payment or sensitive information (like UCR, PIN, SSN, EIN, or bank details) through unsolicited messages.
- If you have any doubts, avoid clicking links and verify all communications directly through official FMCSA channels, including contacting the FMCSA Call Center at <https://ask.fmcsa.dot.gov/app/ticket> or call 1-800-832-5660.

FMCSA Issues New Guidance on English Language Proficiency

FMCSA issued new guidance on English Language Proficiency (ELP) enforcement, which originated from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) fall workshop meeting. The guidance addresses four questions on how certain elements of ELP guidance and policy are to be applied by roadside enforcement – including on the applicability of ELP violations for those operating in the U.S.-Mexico commercial border zone, whether a driver can receive more than one violation for failing both “portions” of the ELP assessment, and clarification on when an ELP violation may result in initiating a driver qualification proceeding.

You can find the guidance [HERE](#).

2026 Safety Awards Program Open for Submissions

NTA is accepting nominations for the following Safety Award Categories:

Driver of the Month (*Driver of the Year will be selected from these applications*)
Safety Professional of the Year
Fleet Safety
Knights of the Road

You will find the downloadable nomination forms on our website. Please return the completed forms and other required information no later than **May 29th**.

We hope you take advantage of these great programs. We highly recommend each of our member companies submit nominations. They are an excellent way to recognize your company, drivers and safety professionals for their dedication to highway safety.

CVSA's International Roadcheck Scheduled for May 12-14

From May 12 to 14, enforcement personnel throughout North America will inspect commercial motor vehicles and commercial motor vehicle drivers for compliance with vehicle, cargo and driver regulatory requirements as part of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 72-hour inspection, enforcement and data-collection initiative, International Roadcheck.

Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a driver violation category and a vehicle violation category to highlight those aspects of an inspection.

The driver focus for this year's International Roadcheck is on **electronic logging device (ELD) tampering, falsification or manipulation**. During an inspection, the inspector will review the driver's record of duty status as usual and check for false or manipulated entries, with a focus on ELD tampering.

Inaccurate ELD entries may result from a driver's lack of understanding of the federal regulations and exemptions. However, in some cases, inaccurate entries are purposefully used to conceal hours-of-service violations, and some records are manipulated to conceal driving time (with no indication the record was edited as required by federal regulations).

Last year, falsification of record of duty status was the second most-cited driver violation, at 58,382 violations. And five out of the top 10 driver violations were related to hours of service or ELDs.

This year's International Roadcheck vehicle focus is **cargo securement**. Improper or inadequate cargo securement poses a serious risk to the driver and other motorists by adversely affecting the vehicle's maneuverability and/or causing unsecured loads to fall or become dislodged, resulting in roadway hazards and/or crashes.

In 2025, 18,108 violations were issued because cargo was not secured to prevent leaking/spilling/blowing/falling and 16,054 violations were issued for vehicle components or dunnage not being secured.

During the 72 hours of International Roadcheck, data will be collected, and the results will be released later this year.



Nevada Trucking Association Supports Comprehensive Plan to Eliminate Bad Actors and Restore Fair Competition in Trucking

State Trucking Associations from Across America Release Blueprint to Combat Fraud, Enhance Safety, and Pave the Way for a Trucking Resurgence.

The Nevada Trucking Association has joined forces with a broad group of state and national trucking associations from across the country in support of a comprehensive policy blueprint to eliminate bad actors who exploit regulatory gaps, undermine safety, and create unfair competitive advantages in the commercial trucking industry. The action plan, *The Fight for Fairness and Safety: Paving the Way for a Trucking Resurgence*, addresses seven critical areas where fraudulent and illegal operators undercut law-abiding businesses, endanger public safety, and damage the reputation and morale of America's professional truck drivers.

The Trucking Association Executive Council (TAEC), which developed the action plan through a special task force, is comprised of trucking leaders from coast to coast. The initiative comes as the trucking industry nationwide and in Nevada faces daunting freight demand, frivolous attacks from plaintiff's trial lawyers, and unfair competition from illegal operators who manipulate licensing systems, engage in freight fraud, tamper with safety records, and operate outside legal boundaries.

"Nevada's trucking industry is built on the hard work of family-owned businesses, independent owner-operators, and professional drivers who play by the rules. But bad actors who exploit loopholes in our regulatory systems are putting everyone at risk... This is unacceptable," said Paul J. Enos, CEO, Nevada Trucking Association. "We are focused on solutions and resolute on seeing them implemented. By doing so, we will save lives, save small businesses and set the table for a trucking resurgence in Nevada."

The Trucking Resurgence action plan identifies seven major vulnerabilities that bad actors exploit:

1. **CDL Integrity – Closing loopholes in commercial driver licensing**
2. **MCMIS Overhaul – Fixing America’s broken trucking safety data system**
3. **Cross-Border Integrity – Assuring workforce integrity at our borders**
4. **Non-Domiciled CDL Reform – Strengthening oversight and enforcement**
5. **English Language Proficiency – Closing critical CDL safety gaps**
6. **Combating Trucking Fraud – Addressing broker and carrier fraud schemes**
7. **Electronic Log Integrity – Ending ELD manipulation and HOS fraud**

The report emphasizes that most of the solutions are immediately actionable and do not require long, drawn-out legislation or rule makings. Most involve technology-driven solutions, including AI-powered data analysis to detect fraudulent patterns, integrated databases to prevent operator schemes, and enhanced verification systems to ensure regulatory compliance. These reforms would not create new burdens for legitimate operators but would leverage existing data more effectively to identify and eliminate bad actors.

Bennie Gamble, Nevada Trucking Association Board President, Devine Intermodal added: "Our Nevada Trucking Association members represent the safest and most reliable fleets in the state, but we cannot compete with those who simply don't follow the laws. It not only comprises highway safety, but it is also demoralizing to our professional drivers who are on the roads everyday doing the right things and moving this state. We have a duty to fight for them, and this action plan will level the playing field."

The report builds on recent federal actions, including Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy's order strictly enforcing English language proficiency requirements which resulted in more than 5,000+ drivers being placed out-of-service for safety violations, and another order cracking down on the issuance of non-domiciled CDLs, many of which were issued improperly or illegally. The TAEC recommendations would extend similar accountability measures across all identified problem areas.

The trucking industry in Nevada represents over 50,000 jobs and 80% of communities exclusively depend on trucking to move their goods. This network in Nevada along with the TAEC task force that developed these recommendations brings extraordinary depth of experience to this work.

"These commonsense reforms are supported by trucking leaders from across America – from the East Coast to the West Coast, from the South to the Upper Midwest," emphasized Rebecca Oyler, President of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and TAEC Task Force member. "We are calling on the appropriate government and law enforcement agencies and all supply chain partners, from shippers and brokers to insurance companies and trucking fleets, to come together and put these commonsense solutions into action."

The Nevada Trucking Association will continue to work with the TAEC as well as federal and state officials to ensure that progress is made on each of these areas. Regardless of how long or any challenges that exist, the Nevada Trucking Association remains committed to paving the way for a trucking resurgence.

The full report is available at www.truckingresurgence.com

Introducing New Partner - Instahire

NTA has partnered with Instahire to provide discounted pricing on background checks, MVRs, PSP and clearinghouse reports along with employment verification and other screens including credit reports, criminal searches, and social media searches.

We are working to get the information uploaded onto our website, but in the meantime, you can use the QR code below to set up your account. Contact Patti for pricing.



www.instahirecheck.com

Safety Council Meetings

The Safety Council will meet via ZOOM on the 2nd Thursday of each month in 2026.

April 9

May 14

September 10

June 11

October 8

July 9

November 12

August 6th (1st TH)

December 10

Other Dates of Interest

May 2 – NV Truck Driving Championships – Las Vegas

May 12-14 – International RoadCheck

May 29 – Safety Award Nominations DUE

June 14-20 – National Technician Appreciation Week

July 12-18 – Operation Safe Driver

August 10-14 – National Truck Driving Championships – Pittsburgh

August 23-29 – National Brake Safety Week

September 13-19 – National Truck Driver 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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TDC Sponsorship & Advertising

Nevada State Truck Driving Championships

May 2nd in Las Vegas

You will be recognized in the program and appropriate signs will be placed around the event.

Sponsorships are available for the following:

Award Reception Sponsor	\$10,000
Key Sponsor	\$5,000
Supporting Sponsor	\$2,500
General Sponsor	\$1,500
Volunteer Appreciation Gifts (x2)	\$1,500
Awards and Trophies (x2)	SOLD
Driver Gifts (x2)	\$1,500
Saturday Driver Breakfast (x2)	SOLD
Volunteer Lunches	SOLD
Saturday Coffee	SOLD
Children's Program or Golf Carts	\$750 each
Written Test or Program	\$500 each
Friends of TDC	\$500
Shuttle Service	\$5,000

Driving Classes - 9 Available at **\$500 / Class:**

Straight Truck	3-Axle Van	Tank
4-Axle Van	Sleeper SOLD	5-Axle Van
Flatbed	Twin-Trailers	Step Van

Corporate Advertising in the TDC program is available

Half Page	\$150	Full Page	\$300
4' x 8' Company Banner on Fence			\$1,000

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Deadline is April 16, 2026



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Guest Column - Cold Weather Work

Cold weather creates unique challenges for workers who perform work in the cold weather to such as walking, climbing, walking, and manual material handling. Understanding how low temperatures affect the body is essential for preventing injuries and maintaining productivity.

When temperatures drop, muscles, tendons, and ligaments lose elasticity. Blood flow to the extremities decreases as the body works to conserve heat, reducing flexibility and slowing reaction time. These physiological changes significantly increase the risk of strains, sprains, and back injuries. Cold conditions can also reduce grip strength and dexterity, especially when gloves become wet or stiff.

Preparation is critical.

Employers should implement structured safety measures such as monitoring weather forecasts, scheduling frequent warm-up breaks in heated areas, providing warm beverages, and training workers to recognize early symptoms of cold stress—such as shivering, numbness, confusion, or slurred speech—can prevent serious medical emergencies. A buddy system or a lone worker program requiring frequent check-in is important to monitor employees.

Proper clothing is the first line of defense. Layered clothing is recommended to maintain warmth, allow mobility and to adjustment clothing based on exposure and exertion. Layering starts with a moisture-wicking base layer to keep sweat away from the skin, an insulating middle layer retains body heat, and a waterproof outer layer shields against wind and precipitation. Insulated gloves, thermal socks, and protective headgear are critical, as significant body heat is lost through extremities. High-visibility outerwear is also important in environments with snow or limited daylight.

Take your time – do it right

Proper lifting technique becomes even more important in cold environments. Feet shoulder-width apart, bend at the hips and knees—not the waist—and keep the load close to the body. Avoid twisting instead, pivot with the feet. If a load feels too heavy or awkward, mechanical aids or team lifting should be used.

Surfaces may also be slippery due to ice or snow, increasing fall risk. Clear walkways when possible and wear slip-resistant footwear. When climbing or descending maintain three-point contact to prevent falls and don't jump to a lower level.

Ultimately, working in cold weather requires a proactive approach that combines personal responsibility with organizational support to maintain safety, efficiency, and well-being throughout the winter season.