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Safety Training for Scrap Transporters

CSA Myths

Myth: Thousands of drivers were taken off the road when CSA began.

Fact: There are no provisions in the CSA program to remove drivers from the road or take their license. If a driver has poor BASIC scores, they could be subjected to a Notice of Violation (a formal warning letter) or a Notice of Claim (a fine). The only way the FMCSA can remove a person's driving privileges is if he/she disregards the notice or is determined to be an *imminent hazard*. In addition, most motor carriers have reported few terminations as a direct result of CSA.

Myth: All roadside tickets/warnings/convictions/violations of any type will affect my CSA scores.

Fact: The CSA scoring system uses violations that are reported on roadside inspection reports by qualified inspectors. If it doesn't get reported into the FMCSA's data system via a roadside inspection form, the violation will not affect your CSA scores.

Myth: Carriers and drivers need to register for the CSA program and undergo mandatory training.

Fact: Carriers and drivers are automatically included in the program by virtue of being subject to FMCSA enforcement. There are no new training requirements under CSA.

Myth: Having access to CSA scoring information and the Pre-employment Screening Program (PSP) means that carriers no longer have to obtain drivers motor vehicle records or perform background checks.

Fact: The CSA program does not affect a motor carriers obligations under Part 391 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for qualifying drivers. Motor carriers still need to contact previous employers and obtain driver motor vehicle records.

Myth: Speeding violations no longer count against CSA scores.

Fact: Speeding violations that are 1 – 5 miles per hour (mph) over the speed limit are no longer used in the CSA scoring process for the Unsafe Driving BASIC because speedometers only need to be accurate within 5 mph. All other speeding violations (including those that don't specify your speed) are used in the scoring system.



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