



LafargeHolcim Moving Safely

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Health & Safety updates for our truckers: Learn & Improve Every Day

Learning & Improving Continues When School's Out for the Summer

By Mason Young, Operations Manager – Ready Mix, Aggregate Industries, North Central Region

During the summer, kids have moved their learning from the classroom to the outdoors. This means, drivers need to constantly improve their awareness of the presence of kids enjoying summer activities.

- Be alert, especially in residential areas, near ball fields and parks – children are unpredictable.
- Slow down where kids are at play and in congested parking areas.
- Take alternative routes to avoid excess pedestrian activity.

For the parents out there, dress your kids in bright clothing whenever possible to make them more visible.

Don't Learn the Hard Way – It Can Wait!

By Barry Schlosser, Shipping Supervisor, Whitehall Cement Plant

Driving on the interstate today involves many more distractions than it did in the past.

Electronic devices have become a driver's worst nightmare. Statistics show that 60 percent of all safety-critical events have some type of driver distraction related to them.

A driver can be fined up to \$2,750 and can be disqualified from his or her job for texting while driving, while the company they drive for can be fined up to \$11,000 for allowing such behaviors. That one minute phone call, that quick text or that last look at the map while driving down the road can wait.

Don't become a statistic – pull over and make sure you are out of harm's way while getting all the information you need for another successful trip. It's never too late for any of us to learn new habits and improve how we drive on our roads.

Source: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Upcoming LafargeHolcim Driver Appreciation Days

- Fri. June 2 – Lunenburg, Mass.
- Mon. June 5 – Bliss, Idaho
- Wed. June 7 – Bismarck, N.D.; Green Bay, Wis.; and Buffalo, N.Y.
- Fri. June 9 – New Haven, Conn. and Chicago, Ill.
- Wed. June 14 – Brooklyn, N.Y. and Pittsburgh/Crafton, Pa.
- Thurs. June 15 – Detroit, Mich. and Providence R.I.
- Fri. June 16 – Milwaukee, Wis.
- Tues. June 20 – Midlothian, Texas and Superior, Wis.
- Wed. June 21 – Bettendorf, Iowa; Muscatine, Iowa and Bayonne, N.J.
- Thurs. June 22 – Belpre, Ohio and Toledo, Ohio
- Fri. June 23 – Des Moines, Iowa; Minot, N.D.; and Cleveland, Ohio
- Wed. June 28 – Oswego, N.Y.
- Fri. June 30 – St. Louis, Mo.

How can we help our Contracted Drivers Continually Learn & Improve?

By Justin Couch, East Logistics Supervisor, New York

For those of us who travel frequently, it is apparent that tank drivers face many safety issues that are unique to them compared to passenger vehicle drivers. The sheer volume of tanks and flatbeds in Pennsylvania, Maryland and South Carolina make the highways difficult to navigate. To help LafargeHolcim better understand the issues so we can learn, improve and be part of a solution, we polled three carriers to find out what their drivers see every day that makes the roads unsafe for them.

Craig Smith, safety director with Smith Trucking, found consensus among his company's drivers on what they look out for while on the road:

- Distracted drivers and what they might do to avoid a potential collision.
- The speed passenger drivers take when passing tanks and flatbeds.
- Paying attention when unloading or taking the tarp off a flatbed.

Paul Creamer, training supervisor with Venezia Transport Services, has driven trucks for 30 years, and he also works reviewing truck camera footage. The most serious issues he sees with passenger vehicle drivers include:

- They do not understand how much room a tanker needs to stop or maneuver. The tank can only merge when it is safe to do so.
- They are distracted by electronic hand held devices, abruptly swerving and crossing lines. They are not focused on driving safely and are unprepared for dangerous situations.
- They do not turn their high beams off while passing tanks making it difficult for drivers to see.

Tim Yauck, VP of human resources with Schwerman Trucking Co., polled several drivers, finding that some drivers feel passenger motorists should be held to a higher standard. They also noted the following challenges:

- Passenger vehicle drivers following too close, being distracted by eating or texting, and excessively speeding.
- Drivers cutting off trucks and passenger cars merging improperly.
- Motorists sometimes not understanding how to drive safely.

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