



FMCSA data: Just the facts for drivers

Drivers carry safety to the road—lives and livelihoods depend on it. Through its **Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)** program, the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** helps drivers and motor carriers, including owner-operators, improve safety performance and compliance to help make sure everyone gets home safely. Use this factsheet as a quick reference guide to help you Get Road Smart about your safety performance and compliance information and your carrier's, too.

- FACT:** Carriers can only use FMCSA's Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP) as a pre-employment screening tool to see your five-year crash and three-year inspection history from FMCSA's databases, not to evaluate the driving records of current drivers. Your consent is required.
- FACT:** It is up to you to keep your safety record accurate. To check its accuracy, order your PSP record at www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov for \$10, or for free via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/foia/foia-requests>.
- FACT:** DataQs (<https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov>) allows drivers and motor carriers to make a Request for Data Review (RDR) to improve the accuracy of data that feeds FMCSA's data systems.
- FACT:** As of late August 2014, you can submit an RDR through DataQs to reflect the results of citations you have contested in court for inspections occurring on or after August 23, 2014.
- FACT:** Your safety record affects your carrier's Safety Measurement System (SMS) results. Visit the SMS Website to review your carrier's safety information at <http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/sms/>.
- FACT:** Carriers do not inherit any of a new hire's past violations. Only violations that a driver receives while driving under a carrier's authority impact a carrier's safety record.
- FACT:** FMCSA does not generate or endorse "scores" issued by third-party companies for drivers and motor carriers.

Visit the **CSA Get Road Smart Website** — <http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/getroadsmart/> — to find more about:

- Safety rules and regulations at the new Driver Safety Education Center
- Your driver safety record (PSP)
- How to request a review of your safety record (DataQs)
- Carrier safety records (SMS)

Join FMCSA and our State Partners in a nationwide commitment to safety.

Lives depend on it.

