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: 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.