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Oregon OSHA's Motor Vehicle Safety Initiative
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Although motor vehicle operations have long been evaluated by Oregon OSHA enforcement and consultation staff, a coordinated focused effort throughout OR-OSHA began October 1, 2007. This emphasis was initiated in large part due to the fact that motor vehicle crashes have been the leading cause of workplace death in Oregon for the last five years. *For Oregon workplace injury, illness, and fatality statistics, please visit the DCBS website (<http://oregon.gov/DCBS>) and select the "Statistical Reports" link.*

While continuing to address and evaluate motor vehicle operations at employer worksites, OR-OSHA field staff are also surveying employers during enforcement and consultation visits to learn how many administer formal programs. This survey consists of eight questions and focuses on areas such as policy, formal training and follow-up, driver validation, and incident investigation. This initiative, including the two-page survey form, is outlined in OR-OSHA's Program Directive A-262.

The following consists of preliminary survey data captured from October 1, 2007 through May 25, 2008 (approximately 1,000 Oregon employers surveyed):

- 58% have a vehicle/fleet safety policy (most indicating the policy is in writing and does contain driver expectations and responsibilities)
- 92% verify a valid driver's license upon initial hire
- 70% periodically check their employee's driving history
- 45% have a training program for employees who are required to drive as part of their job duties
- 35% had at least one business-related motor vehicle incident in the prior three years
 - most cited "other driver" as the cause
 - most indicated no employee(s) was injured
 - most indicated employee was not trained after incident

OR-OSHA Program Directive for Motor Vehicle Safety

OR-OSHA's Program Directive "Motor Vehicle Safety" (P.D. A-262) provides guidance and suggestions for establishing and/or maintaining an effective safe vehicle operation program. This program directive can be found under the "Rules/Compliance" link at www.orosha.org

Revised OR-OSHA Vehicle Rules (eff. 9/26/07)

General Industry [OR-OSHA Division 2/Subdivision N]

- OAR 437-002-2224 Vehicle Drivers and Riders
- OAR 437-002-2225 Vehicles for Highway and Road Operation Characteristics and Maintenance
- OAR 437-002-2226 Vehicles for Use on Property Other Than Public Roads and Highways Operation, Characteristics and Maintenance

Construction [OR-OSHA Division 3/Subdivision O]

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Fatalities resulting from motor vehicle accidents that happen during the employees work shift must be reported to OR-OSHA within eight hours of occurrence.

OR-OSHA Public Outreach and Consultation

OR-OSHA has produced a publication titled "Vehicle Safety for Small Businesses in the Construction Industry" (#440-4767) in addition to offering a no-cost, four-hour workshop titled "Motor Vehicles: Planning and Safe Practices" (Course #220).

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