



Risk Management Advisory Committee

Slips, Trips & Falls

100% of falls are preventable, but these remain leading causes of claims. How do we make situational awareness a big deal and engage the safety conversation with drivers and company personnel? How can we implement procedures without making it "just one more thing to check off and blow off"?

Solutions

- **CREATE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS.** Quick checklist forms are a good idea for a driver to complete before beginning a task. The checklist assists with identifying the risks involved in the task and creates an immediate situational awareness for the driver. The goal is for the driver to think about the task and risks involved in order to complete it safely and not get injured. Drivers often become complacent when performing tasks and the checklist can bring their thought process back to safety.

Some Electronic Logging Devices have checklist forms that might assist with this process. If not, a program that was mentioned during the Risk Management Advisory Committee was www.Whiparound.com. This product provides numerous checklist type forms as well as the capability of creating your own checklist form complete with picture functionality. Whether your company utilizes this product or a product you currently own or create, situational awareness is extremely important for drivers to remain safe in their everyday jobs and tasks.

- **WATCH FOR THE BLITZ!** In keeping with our constant stream of football metaphors, be on the lookout for information about our 1st Annual Safety Blitz. The ATA Comp Fund Risk Managers will be using this safety blitz to focus on 3-point contact from cabs, trailers, and elevations. The campaign

will create awareness of Slips, Trips, and Falls for the driver as well as company personnel. Our ATA Comp Fund Team will create training for all terminal/office personnel on proper 3-point contact techniques and why it is important. Every person at the terminal/location will be involved. The ATA Comp Fund Risk Managers will also be on the lookout for safe 3-point contact behaviors when visiting Fund Members or anytime safe 3-point contact is noticed in the field. They will reward behavior on the spot with ATA Comp Fund gift cards. All Fund Members are encouraged to join in and participate in the blitz. The blitz will occur during the first part of September to coincide with football season. More information will follow in the coming months.