

# THE GREEN LIGHT

The official newsletter of ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk

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## GET READY FOR THE BLITZ!

The ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk Service are excited to announce their inaugural Safety Blitz campaign, to be held **September 13-17, 2021**. The purpose of this Blitz is to create situational awareness for one of the most challenging safety issues and leading causes of workers' comp claims: ***Slips, Trips and Falls***.

The idea for a Safety Blitz came from our inaugural **Risk Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)** meeting in April, where a group of industry leaders came together to discuss current topics, injury trends, safety initiatives and resolutions to solve pressing issues within the transportation industry.

Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks regarding this week of training, information, surprise visits and special guests!

## DON'T GET CAUGHT SLIPPIN'... OR TRIPPIN'... OR FALLIN'...

*Slips, trips, and falls remain one of the most challenging safety issues for employers and one of the largest causes of workers' compensation claims, including nearly 800 fatalities per year according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

Let's take it back to high school for a minute and study some simple physics. **FORCE** is defined as a push or pull acting on an object. Examples of force include **gravity** (pulls everything toward the center of the earth) and **friction** (resistance between objects). Throw in some **momentum** (mass x velocity) and you've got a nice equation to solve... or the setup for a workers' compensation claim.

### SLIPS

Slips occur when there is not enough **friction** between your feet and the surface they are on. They are more likely to occur when you do not have proper footwear, are in a hurry, or are not paying attention. *Johnny got distracted by Jenny's new hairstyle in the lunchroom and slipped on a discarded slice of rectangular pizza.*

### TRIPS

Trips happen when your foot hits an object and you have enough **momentum** to fall off balance. These are most likely to occur when you are walking or are unaware of your surroundings. *Mary walked nervously to the front of the class to solve for X and tripped over Marty's bookbag.*

### FALLS

Falls are the result of losing your balance and **gravity** takes over. They are more likely to occur from heights, but not always. *Biff scrambled down the bleachers to storm the field after the game-winning touchdown, only to miss a step and tumble to the bottom... in front of the entire band.*

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Visit the [Risk Management Educational Resources](#) on our website to learn more. Members of the ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk have access to many training tools, including heat-related illness awareness videos and [online training](#).

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According to [The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health \(NIOSH\)](#), 27% of the 900k nonfatal work injuries in 2018 were due to slips, trips, and falls.

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## DON'T GET CAUGHT SLIPPIN'... OR TRIPPIN'... OR FALLIN'...*continued*

Now that you're feeling a sense of nostalgia, let's look at how we can work to prevent these common workplace injuries. It all starts with ***Situational Awareness***, or knowing what is going on around us.



### SLIPS

- Use correct 3-points of contact to avoid slipping when climbing up or down from any height.
- Wear sturdy, non-slip footwear and make sure the soles are clean.
- Slow down, especially in hazardous conditions.
- Practice safe walking skills, such as smaller steps and focusing on the walk area.
- Keep walkways free of spills and mark wet/slippery areas with visible signage.

### FALLS

- Use correct 3-points of contact to avoid falls when climbing up or down from any height.
- Utilize fixed objects, such as grab bars, for assistance in climbing.
- Use fall protection equipment when working at any height.
- Ladders should be fitted with slip-resistant bases and secured to prevent movement.

### TRIPS

- Use 3-points of contact to avoid tripping or missing a step when climbing up or down from any height.
- Walk (and work) in well-lit areas, especially at night.
- Keep walkways free of obstacles and interferences.
- Avoid walking or working on uneven rough ground surfaces.
- Make sure you can see where you are walking; don't carry loads that hinder your line of sight.



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**Injuries classified as slips, trips, or falls are the second-leading claim reported with the ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk. Since 2000, over 6,000 claims have been paid out, totaling \$105 million, or an average of \$17,500 per claim.**

# COMING SOON

## 2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN MAILED!

Each year, we look forward to celebrating the kickoff of college football with our SEC helmet schedules. This year's schedules are in the mail – be on the lookout for yours!

## IRON BOWL RAFFLE BENEFITING ATA FOUNDATION

**August 20 - September 24, 2021**

We will be raffling 2 tickets to the **2021 IRON BOWL!** Raffle tickets are \$20/each and all proceeds will be donated to the [ATA Foundation](#). The winner will be drawn during the ATA Comp Fund Welcome Reception Friday, September 24th at the ATA Annual Convention in Destin, Florida. You do not have to be present to win.

We accept cash, check, or [Venmo](#)\* (@ATA-CompFund). Call our office (334.834.7911) with any questions! You can [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!



*\*if paying through Venmo, be sure to include your first & last name, email address and phone number.*

## ATA COMP FUND & ALLIANCE INTERSTATE RISK SAFETY BLITZ

**September 13-17, 2021**

Don't miss our inaugural Safety Blitz focusing on awareness and prevention of slips, trips, and falls! Our Risk Managers will be out in the field observing drivers and employees in their natural locales... and handing out prizes for those caught "doing it right"!

## ALABAMA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION'S 82ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

**September 23-26, 2021**

Don't miss the [Alabama Trucking Association's](#) largest event of the year! Join the ATA and the ATA Comp Fund at the Hilton Sandestin in Destin, Florida for three days of presentations, networking, and fun. [Registration](#) is now open.



# PROGRAM NEWS

## NEW LOCATION IS OPEN!



The ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk Service have officially opened the Birmingham, Alabama location! We are now located in the Blue Lake Center at 3500 Blue Lake Drive, Suite 435, Birmingham, Alabama 35243. The new location will house our dedicated CCMSI claim adjusting team, as well as members of our Risk Management and Business Development teams.

## WE ARE GROWING!

The ATA Comp Fund is pleased to announce the hiring of Dustin King as our Underwriting & Auditing Manager effective June 7, 2021. Dustin will be responsible for underwriting growth and profitability goals, as well as managing these departments' operations. Prior to joining the Fund, Dustin was the Underwriting Manager for New Mexico Mutual, where he was responsible for the growth and profitability of a large team of underwriters, associates, and interns. He has over 15 years of insurance experience, the majority of which spent in workers' compensation.

The ATA Comp Fund is also pleased to announce the hiring of Will Thrash, CPA, as our Accountant effective June 14, 2021. Will's responsibilities incorporate day-to-day accounting functions including daily deposits, installment billing, other duties associated with monthly Financials and year-end audit. Prior to joining the Fund, Will was a Senior Accountant at one of the nation's top 25 CPA firms with over 300 Partner CPAs and advisors, providing all forms of accounting and financial services to his clients.

## RENEWAL SEASON IS COMING...

We are beginning to work on our January 1, 2022 renewals. Keep an eye out for emails in the coming weeks regarding any information requests or deadlines in order to get these renewals processed in a timely manner. We will also be making our 2022 Dividend announcement soon!

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: ACCOUNTING & ADMINISTRATION

Expertise matters.



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