

THE GREEN LIGHT

The official newsletter of ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk

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IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON...

2021 is winding down, but not before holiday celebrations begin. While Thanksgiving is the "official" start of the Season, many holiday enthusiasts are already in full celebratory mode, putting up decorations and dusting off those Christmas music playlists (and we support this 100%).

With the holidays, comes more travel. People are hitting the roads more during this time of year - especially after last year's pandemic-related travel restrictions - and with that comes the risk of more accidents, injuries, and fatalities. The 2021 numbers are already staggering: in the first half of the year, the country saw a rise of 18.4% in traffic fatalities, according to the US Department of Transportation. Sadly, more than 20,000 people have died in car accidents from January through June.

As we all prepare to travel and visit family during the holidays, remember to stay aware, undistracted, and SAFE.

RUN RUN RUDOLPH... BUT DO IT SAFELY.

After staying home for most of 2020 (including the holidays), many Americans are determined to travel this year. As airfare prices continue to rise – not to mention the continued presence of COVID – that could mean even more people choosing to hit the roads to visit their loved ones this season.

We've all seen the movie *Home Alone*, where a large family is planning to travel for the holidays and, one missed alarm later, is rushing to make their flight (and left a child at home to fend for himself). While the movie focuses on the hilarious antics of the latter, let's think about how rushing to get somewhere for the 2021 holidays can affect your plans... and your future.

EXPECT DELAYS – AND PLAN FOR THEM

More than 52% of Americans plan to travel this holiday season.

Airlines are already reporting increases in domestic flight searches up to 212%. Price increases and canceled flights due to staffing could deter many from flying, opting for the less expensive, less crowded, and more reliable form of travel: driving.

While taking to the roads eliminates the long security lines or the rush to catch a flight, people will still hurry to make their anticipated stop or destination by a certain date & time. If more people are on the road, traffic delays will occur. Be sure to give yourself more time than the GPS indicates. Obey the speed limits and pay close attention to the driving conditions. If you are traveling to places where weather can impact road conditions – especially when you are not used to driving in them – educate yourself on how to adapt to them.

NEVER DRIVE DISTRACTED OR IMPAIRED

Traffic congestion is stressful enough and requires the driver's complete attention. Put your phone away where it is not accessible while driving. Utilize hands-free options or pull over if you need to check the GPS or take a phone call. And never, ever, **EVER** drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or opioids.

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports a doubling of drivers with opioids and marijuana in their system from March 2020.

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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 free membership with the National Safety Council (NSC).

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#SAFETYBLITZ2021 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our first Safety Blitz campaign spotlighting Slips, Trips, and Falls was a week-long focus on the leading cause of workplace injuries. We had daily informational emails, handout materials, hilarious and effective impersonator videos, Risk Manager onsite visits, and rewards for drivers "caught doing it right". We also held a grand prize gift card drawing for 3 lucky drivers.

PUNS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

During our inaugural Risk Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) meeting this past April, two main topics of discussion were: (1) how we could make situational awareness a big deal and engage the safety conversation with drivers and company personnel; and (2) how to engage drivers and reduce complacency. This is how the concept of a Safety Blitz was born.



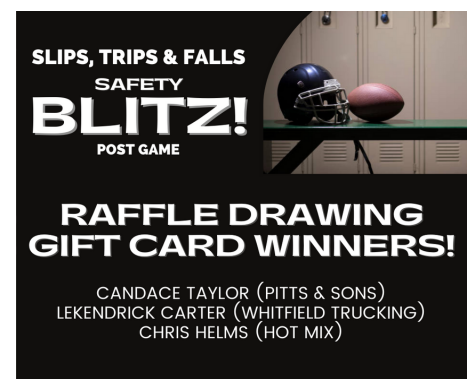
On September 13, 2021, we kicked off our football pun laden Safety Blitz week focusing on one of the leading causes of injuries: Slips, Trips, and Falls. That week coincided with National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, and we encouraged our Members to tie the Blitz activities in with their NTDAW events. We hope all of our ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk Members were able to participate and incorporate the daily emails, handouts, and videos into their activities. Over 20% of our Members participated in one way or the other. Our goal is to double that number for next year's campaign.

COME BACK STRONGER NEXT SEASON

If you missed the Safety Blitz this year, make sure you catch the next one! In the meantime, keep it going and remember that ***there is no off-season for safety***. All of the archived material is on our website in the Members section. And be sure to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn to stay "in the know". You can search #SafetyBlitz2021 for this year's material.

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Visit the Members section on our website to learn more. And be on the lookout for information on next year's Blitz campaign!



SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS SAFETY BLITZ! OVERTIME

WHY ARE WE GOING TO O.T.?

Some of the worst accidents reported involve flatbed drivers being injured during the loading and unloading phase of the job. Numerous injuries have occurred when lift trucks have either hit the cargo, knocking it off, or dropping the cargo while lifting it off the flatbed, falling onto drivers.

Lift trucks are often used to load and unload cargo. Lift trucks include forklifts, side loaders, walkie stackers, rough terrain forklifts, or any other type of powered industrial trucks. Our goal is to eliminate injuries to drivers during the loading and unloading of a flatbed truck.

WATCH THE FILM

In football, players and coaches will watch film to prepare for the next game, making adjustments and correcting mistakes that were identified. You can do the same for your employees, drivers and company by studying real-life situations. This is the first step in the process of improving your safety culture, [Making Accidents a Big Deal](#). And it starts with changing each individual's behavior. It is, after all, up to them to plan, stay alert, and pay attention.

[Film Replay #1](#): Truck driver, Peter Roberts, was assisting with loading large sheets of rock when the forklift driver hit the A-frame holding the rock, causing it to break and the load to fall on Peter. This resulted in both legs being amputated.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS PLAYBOOK: HOW TO PREVENT INJURIES

- Communication is key. Communicate with the lift truck operator prior to loading/unloading to discuss intentions and the process so there is no confusion.
- If the shipping location has a designated area for driver to stand during the loading/unloading process, follow those instructions.
- If the shipping location does not have a designated area to stand, the next safest place to wait is in the cab of the truck. However, if the driver is required to stand outside the truck or place dunnage, stay as close to the cab of the truck as possible.
- Wear proper PPE: gloves, boots, safety glasses, and reflective vest. Acceptable colors are yellow and orange. Put vest on prior to exiting the tractor.
- Never be on the opposite side of the load from the lift truck. Always maintain a line of site with the lift truck operator.
- Do not climb unless it is unavoidable. If climbing is necessary, always use 3 points of contact.



FLATBED & LIFT TRUCK SAFETY

WHAT'S THIS THING? →

We have created a playlist on our YouTube page of custom videos specifically related to flatbed safety. We encourage you to watch and share at least these two:

- Situational Awareness: Loading & Unloading a Flatbed Trailer
- Shift Happens: Don't Let it Happen to You!



SCAN ME

[Film Replay #2](#): Truck driver, Mary Jones, was assisting with unloading steel beams. Forklift driver hit the beams, causing them to topple over and fall on Mary. This resulted in both of Mary's legs being crushed and broken.

[Film Replay #3](#): Truck driver, Joe Smith, was assisting with strapping steel pipes during loading, when forklift driver hit the pipes on the opposite side of the load, causing them to fall on Joe. This resulted in Joe losing both legs.

These 3 claims totaled over \$8,650,000 and changed lives forever. Some minor adjustments consisting of planning movements, staying alert, and paying attention to surroundings could have prevented these injuries from occurring.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



ATA COMP FUND AND ALLIANCE INTERSTATE RISK IRON BOWL RAFFLE BENEFITING THE ATA FOUNDATION

Thanks to everyone who participated in our first-ever raffle for the benefit of the ATA Foundation! With your help, we raised \$3,000 in ticket sales... and matched that amount for a total of \$6,000. The raffle prize drawing was held during the ATA Comp Fund's Friday night reception at the 82nd Annual Convention. Congratulations to Collin McNamara of TrueNorth Companies for being the lucky winner!

ATA 82ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

After a pandemic-affected 2020 caused the ATA's Annual Convention to be delayed, Alabama's trucking industry was finally able to meet and network at the largest event ever held during the 82nd Annual Convention in Sandestin. The meeting agenda focused on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the trucking industry. Be on the lookout after the first of the year for information on the upcoming 83rd Annual Convention in Point Clear!



ATA COMP FUND AND ALLIANCE INTERSTATE RISK ANNOUNCE 2022 DIVIDENDS

Since 1993, the ATA Comp Fund - and now Alliance Interstate Risk Service - has returned a historical annual dividend average of 24% to our member companies. We have reached a milestone of more than \$208 million in returned dividends as we approach the close of 2021. We look forward to continuing our current partnerships in 2022, as well as making new ones. Thank you for partnering with us to work to make your company one of the strongest and most successful in the industry.

PROGRAM NEWS

WE ARE GROWING!

The ATA Comp Fund is pleased to announce the hiring of Rita Golson as Premium Auditor & Monthly Reporting Specialist effective October 21, 2021. Rita comes to us from a local insurance wholesale group, with over 20 years of experience in the industry. She will be responsible for managing audits for both ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk, and will work with our contracted audit partner to ensure a smooth and organized process. Rita will also be responsible for implementing and maintaining monthly reporting for participating companies.

The ATA Comp Fund is also pleased to announce the hiring of Patrick Monahan, CRIS, as Risk Manager in the Nashville, Tennessee area effective November 1, 2021. Patrick comes to us with years of experience as a Risk Management and Safety Consultant in the Colorado area. He holds the Construction Risk and Insurance Specialist (CRIS) designation through the International Risk Management Institute (IRMI), as well as several OSHA certifications.

RENEWAL SEASON IS HERE!

Renewal pricing for both the ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk programs have been mailed as of November 1st. As in previous years, coverage for both programs will automatically renew effective January 1, 2022, ***unless written notice is received in our office prior to December 1st.*** Any changes to coverage will need to be submitted to our [Underwriting Team](#).

ALLIANCE INTERSTATE RISK PARTNERS WITH GEORGIA MOTOR TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

Alliance Interstate Risk is proud to announce a partnership with the [Georgia Motor Trucking Association](#). It is our vision to partner with trucking associations across the US to provide a superior and competitively priced workers' comp insurance program to their membership, and promote the trucking industry throughout their state. We are excited to have the opportunity to work with the GMTA and their membership to help keep our industry safe.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: LEADERSHIP

Expertise matters.



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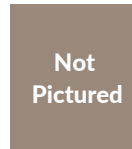
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