

DELIVERY DRIVER SAFETY TIPS

Use these 10 tips from the NETS Traffic Safety Primer to keep employee drivers safe and minimize crash risk.



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1 GET COMMITMENT

Create a culture that values safe driving behaviors, and get buy-in from management as well as employees.

2 HAVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Make sure you have written policies and procedures in place that emphasize safe driving. Distribute these to employees regularly and discuss them.



3 USE DRIVER AGREEMENTS

Have written contracts or agreements in place with anyone who drives for work. Drivers must agree to abide by the safety policies and procedures, and expectations should be clear.



4 RUN MVR CHECKS

Employing responsible drivers is the first step to avoiding accidents or incidents. Run driving records checks at the time of hire, as well as periodically throughout employment. Define what is acceptable or unacceptable on a driving record.



5 REPORT ANY CRASHES

Investigate and report any accidents. Employees should know what to do in the event of an accident, and they should report it to their supervisor as soon as possible.

6 MAINTAIN AND INSPECT VEHICLES

All company-owned vehicles should follow a regular maintenance and inspection schedule. Drivers' personal vehicles won't have the same schedule, but they should still be maintained for safety.



7 HAVE A DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

Determine and define the consequences for violations of driver agreements and policies and procedures. Employees should be well aware of these consequences; follow through if the rules are broken.

8 REWARD EMPLOYEES

On the other hand, recognize employees for continued safe driving behaviors. Come up with an incentive program to show the importance of following the agreements and procedures.



9 TRAIN DRIVERS

Drivers should undergo regular training on safe driving behaviors and communication skills. Everyone could use a reminder to keep driving tips fresh.



10 BE FAMILIAR WITH REGULATIONS

Make sure employees are familiar with highway safety regulations. Know which administrations cover your business (for example, the DOT, FHWA, ESA, etc.).

