DROWSY DRIVING PREVENTION
FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS

TWO MAIN CAUSES OF DROWSY DRIVING
- Lack of the quality or quantity of your sleep
- Driving at times of the day when you would normally be asleep

DO NOT DRIVE WHEN YOU ARE TIRED. FATIGUE CAN:

- SLOW DOWN
  - Your thought processes and reaction time

- AFFECT
  - Your judgment and vision

- IMPAIR
  - Your senses and abilities

- CAUSE
  - Nodding off or falling completely asleep

DROWSY DRIVING PREVENTION TIPS

Get enough sleep before you drive.
This is the best way to ensure you can maintain alertness and drive safely. Avoid driving at times when you would normally be asleep.

Avoid medication that causes drowsiness before getting behind the wheel.
Common medicines that may make you drowsy include sleepers, allergy, and cold medicines.

Take a break.
If you are experiencing difficulty focusing, blurred vision, frequent eye blinking, yawning, and/or heavy eyelids, pull over in a safe place to rest.

Quick fixes are no substitute for sleep.
Turning up the radio, drinking coffee, or rolling down the window may help you feel alert for a short period of time, but are not effective ways to maintain alertness to drive safely.

Commercial motor vehicle drivers will be issued a Uniform Commercial Citation if found to be fatigued at the time of a crash. Commercial motor vehicle drivers must comply with all federal and state hours-of-service regulations regarding rest to ensure maximum safety on the roads.

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YOUR THOUGHT PROCESSES AND REACTION TIME

YOUR JUDGMENT AND VISION

YOUR SENSES AND ABILITIES

NODDING OFF OR FALLING COMPLETELY ASLEEP