



Brake Safety Week

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Next week, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) will conduct this year's Brake Safety Week, a seven-day focused inspection and enforcement initiative designed to improve safety by ensuring commercial motor vehicles on our roadways are operating with properly maintained and functioning braking systems. This targeted enforcement effort will take place August 23-29.

Throughout that week, trained and certified inspectors in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. will conduct routine commercial motor vehicle inspections with a focus on brake systems and components. Vehicles with brake-related out-of-service violations, or any other out-of-service violations, will be removed from roadways until those violations are corrected.

In addition, inspectors will focus on drums and rotors, which can affect a vehicle's brake efficiency. Broken pieces of drums and rotors may become dislodged from the vehicle enroute and damage other vehicles or result in injuries or fatalities to the motoring public.

During last year's Brake Safety Week, inspectors in 52 jurisdictions throughout North America conducted 15,175 commercial motor vehicle inspections. The majority of the commercial motor vehicles inspected (84.9%) did not have any out-of-service brake violations that deemed them unsafe to proceed on their route. However, commercial motor vehicle inspectors did place 2,296 vehicles out of service (OOS) due to brake-related violations. That is a 15.1% out-of-service rate out of the total number of vehicles inspected.

By dedicating focused resources and attention to brake safety, CVSA aims to reduce violations, improve compliance and make roadways safer for all users. In addition to inspections, Brake Safety Week also emphasizes education and awareness. Inspectors and officials will engage with drivers, motor carriers and mechanics to highlight the role that proactive vehicle maintenance plays in reducing crashes and saving lives.

Motor carriers and drivers are encouraged to perform thorough pre- and post-trip inspections and ensure all brake components are in proper working condition before operating their vehicles. Brake Safety Week serves as an important reminder that safety is a shared responsibility among drivers, motor carriers, inspectors and the broader transportation community.

Brake Safety Week aims to improve commercial motor vehicle brake safety throughout North America. The goal is to eliminate roadway crashes by conducting roadside inspections and educating drivers, mechanics, large- and small-fleet motor carriers, owner-operators, and others on the importance of proper brake inspection, maintenance and operation.

The NPTC Monthly Driver Safety Letter, jointly sponsored by NPTC and [Centerline Drivers](#), is a Microsoft Word document that you can print out and post as is, if appropriate, or modify any way you wish to make it a better fit for your drivers, including adding your company logo. If you are already doing an in-house letter, you may find information here that you can cut and paste into your own letter. If you are interested in specific subjects, or have any comments/feedback, contact Tom Moore, CTP, at tmoore@nptc.org or (703)838-8898.