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## PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFE DRIVING

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The Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Regulation in 49 CFR Part 382 are designed to help prevent crashes, deaths, or injuries resulting from the misuse of alcohol or use of controlled substances by drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). The regulations apply to every person who operates a CMV in interstate or intrastate commerce and who is subject to the commercial driver's license requirements of Part 383.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) reminds all transportation industries of the potential threat to public safety caused by the on-duty use of some over-the-counter and prescription medications by persons performing safety-sensitive duties. As a result, we strongly urge all transportation industry employers to include in their employee training materials appropriate information to address this issue. We also encourage employers to reiterate to their employees the need to report use of such medications when required by applicable DOT rules or by company policies. Employer must provide driver with policy on the misuse of alcohol and use of controlled substances. Section 382.601

Although Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations do not require such reporting, employers **may** require a driver to inform the employer of any therapeutic drug use under 49 CFR, Section 382.213, Controlled Substance Use. Also, by regulatory interpretation, a physician must specifically advise the driver that the substances in a prescription will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a CMV.

Please remember to "Drive to Survive!"



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