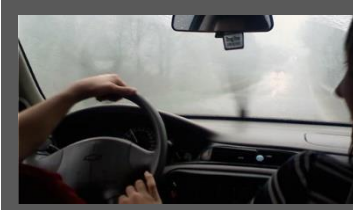


## *The Importance of Daily Vehicle Inspections*

*Dangers of Seasonal Change*

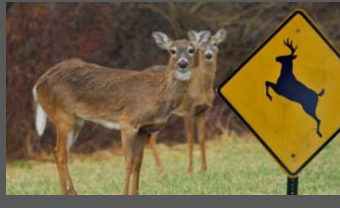
Colder Weather



Diminishing Daylight



School Buses



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Motor vehicle incidents are responsible for more work related deaths than any other loss source. One way to reduce your risk is to ensure your vehicle is in proper operating condition by completing daily vehicle inspections, and by being aware of dangerous conditions related to seasonal changes. Pilots and ship captains don't take off or leave port without checking their planes or boats ... why leave your workplace without checking the vehicle that is taking you to the job site?

### *Key Basic Inspection Points ... Check for:*

- General condition issues (damage, dents, cracks in lights, tire pressure, etc.)
- Leaks: oil, coolant, grease and/or fuel
- Low oil, cracked hoses and proper fluid levels
- Obstruction under or around vehicle
- Properly secured loads
- Trash or loose items in the bed of trucks (if applicable)

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### *After Turning On Your Vehicle ...*

- Turn off radio/heat/AC
- Listen for unusual vehicle sounds
- Check all gauges for normal readings
- Check steering wheel, accelerator, brakes, transmission, horn, wipers, light switches and other indicators
- Check windshield for dirt/damage
- Adjust seating/mirrors for personal use
- If necessary, clean inside/outside of windshield with appropriate cleaner and clean cloth, not your hand or paper towels
- Check turn signals, four way flashers, headlights, and running, parking, brake lights

- Verify all necessary emergency equipment is present (fire extinguisher, flares, flash lights, first aid kit, etc.)
- When travelling to remote job sites, ensure there is ample water, blankets, batteries, snacks, etc.
- Ensure mobile phone is fully charged (bring charger if necessary/possible)

### *Identify Vehicle Safety Issues?*

- Take vehicle out of service; seek repairs as soon as possible
- Remember: Vehicle safety is important for you, your co-workers and community
- Inspect your vehicle as though you are transporting family