



AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE
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APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH!

Compared to personal motorists, commercial truck drivers are 23 times more likely to cause an accident when texting at the wheel, seven times more likely when reaching for their electronic devices, and six times more likely when dialing a phone. To learn more:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/driver-safety/cmV-driving-tips-driver-distraction>

Substance Abuse in the Workplace

Free Programs, Services and Legislative Updates

Research on substance abuse in the United States has shown that 70 percent of individuals with a substance abuse disorder are employed. Furthermore, partly due to increased marijuana use, workplace drug test positivity rates are at historically high levels.

Substance abuse in the workplace is often a contributing factor in the following:

- higher absenteeism
- accidents
- higher health care costs
- theft
- workplace violence
- decreased productivity
- lower profits to your bottom line

Founded in 1992, ***Drugs Don't Work in NJ!*** serves the state by assisting businesses in their efforts to maintain a healthy, safe and drug-free workplace. Over the past three decades, the program has assisted more than 4,000 New Jersey businesses, non-profits and employers in the public sector. ***Drugs Don't Work in NJ!*** merged with the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey in 1999.

<https://drugfreenj.org/drugs-dont-work/overview/>

<https://ddw.drugfreenj.org/updates/DDW2023winter.pdf>

REMINDER!!!!!! 2022 OSHA 300 LOGS MUST BE POSTED FEBRUARY 1st – April 30th 2023

If you have any safety or risk management issues the AEA Safety Committee is here to help!

Need answers or resources email JKessler@acua.com or Karen@aeanj.org

Our committee meets quarterly via zoom if you would like to join us!

Our next scheduled meeting is Friday, April 21, 2023 at 10:00 am.