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BETWEEN THE LINES

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A wide-angle photograph of a snowy mountain landscape at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the snow-covered peaks and valleys. The mountains are rugged and covered in a thick layer of snow. A winding road or path is visible in the foreground, leading through the snow. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

Happy New Year
2023



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COMPANY NEWS

Happy New Year to you all! Here at Kelly Anderson Group, we are thrilled for this new year, not only for all of the new aspects coming to our company but also for the fact that it is our **25th Anniversary!**

25 years ago our president, Kelly Anderson, started a small business in his home that has now grown into the company it is today. We are not done growing either. Thank you to all who have supported us along the way!

DRIVING IN WINTER WEATHER

Snowy and icy roads may sparkle in the sunlight but they carry danger for any vehicle that makes contact with its surface. For this deceptive reason, all drivers must take extra care when driving in winter conditions.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provide tips for winter driving preparation. Before heading out, they emphasize one should ensure the car is well stocked with necessities such as blankets, flashlights, jumper cables, a shovel, abrasive material, food and other helpful supplies if someone might become stranded. It is also critical to check over the vehicle's engine, battery, tire tread and pressure, antifreeze, windshield wipers and other parts of the car *prior* to leaving. Also, planning the route and knowing where the destination's location should be a part of the pre-check task list.

When someone comes in contact with icy roads and finds themselves starting to skid, it is important to remember to steer *into* the skid. For example, if the rear wheels are fishtailing to the left, the driver should gently steer to the left but not too far. Kelly Anderson Group's Driver Finisher Program Instructor, Amy Wells, advises, "Harsh breaking can induce a skid or slide. Allowing the wheels [of the vehicle] to continue to turn will allow [the driver] to control the vehicle as traction resumes." Geico also has a demonstration [video](#) of this technique along with other tips for driving in snowy conditions.

Another crucial aspect to keep in mind on the white covered roads is the distance between cars. Quick stops do not occur on wet, icy and snowy roads. Drivers should begin to brake well in advance.

This point brings up the next essential: what kind of brakes are on the vehicle, whether antilock or non-antilock. If they are anti-lock, OSHA and the NHTSA say to stomp on the brake, and for non-antilock, to pump the brake. This minor difference could have a massive effect if not done with the correct brakes, whether sliding or a collision. Any decision on wintry roads could have a large impact.

If someone finds themselves stalled, broken down or stuck in the snow and cold, it is critical for them to remember: stay within the car due, do not over exert oneself, do not idle the car for long periods of time due to carbon monoxide, and to ensure the car is seen somehow, whether with lights or reflectors.

Winter makes for beautiful cross-country scenery but it is important to keep in mind the dangers that come with it on the road.



"All drivers must take extra care when driving in winter conditions."

TRIVIA

What is the most dangerous state to drive in during the winter?



2023 REGULATIONS IN THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

With a new year comes new trucking regulation proposals that may or may not get passed and ones that will end - all of which are important to know.

A rule which ended on October 15th, 2022 is the COVID HOS Waiver, which provided hours-of-service exemptions for truck driver carrying COVID relief supplies. There was an extension for CDPs until February of 2023. Virtual SAPs is a regulation that ended just a couple of days ago on December 31, 2023. This law allowed virtual drug evaluations and assessments. It may get extended depending on the final ruling.

A "Safety Fitness Determination" rule created in 2016 which adapted the "Satisfactory, Conditional, and Unsatisfactory" rating system where if a carrier was deemed "unfit," they would be removed from the road and shut down. This definition will be reviewed in January 2023 where the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will request comments and safety data from the public in order to do so.

A concern that has been floating around not only the trucking industry but the transportation world as a whole is Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) systems. AEBs are seen as the future for all vehicles in order to help prevent avoidable crashes, as the Compliance Navigation Specialists (CNS) states.

Other regulations expected to make an appearance in 2023 are electronic identification, California AB5 options, ELD changes, revised medical examiner handbook, broker and freight forwarder changes, safety fitness procedures, automated driving systems, and a speed limiter rule. Now, just because these regulations are being proposed, it does not mean they are guaranteed a permanent or even temporary spot in the trucking world. According to [transportation.gov](https://www.transportation.gov), "After the comment period closes and the agency has reviewed the comments received and analyzed them, [the Department of Transportation (DOT) agencies] decide whether to proceed with the rulemaking we proposed, issue a new or modified proposal, or withdraw the proposal." From there, the proper changes are made to the Code of Federal Regulations to echo the new regulations.

These proposals which may begin and end largely affect everyone in the transportation industry, making it critical for the public to follow what is passed and what is not.

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Tom Fricke



Job Position: *DRO Analyst*

Length at the company: *8 months*

Where are you from: *Kansas City, MO*

Favorite part about working here:

"My favorite part of working here is the sense of community. I live three hours away but everyone is very friendly every time I come in the office."

TRIVIA ANSWER

Michigan is the most dangerous state to drive in during the winter with an average of 49 road deaths recorded every season (according to Money Geek's survey). Wyoming, Alaska and Ohio are the next three worse states following MI.



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