



Calendar:

[Know When to Pass Football Campaign](#)

Sept. – Feb

[St. Patrick's Day Impaired Driving Campaign](#)

March 17

[2013 National Safety Council Texas Safety Conference & Expo](#)

April 7-9

46%

Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2011, **46%** were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.

Source: [Texas Department of Transportation](#)

Make a Resolution to Focus on Safety in 2013

As the new year begins, it is a great time for you and your employees to focus on safety issues that may still be problematic. Many passengers and pick-up truck drivers still are not buckling up. Nearly [two-thirds](#) of Americans have talked on a cell phone while driving in the past 30 days. There are many traffic safety issues employees still need to be reminded about, so let's all make safety a priority this year and 2013 will be our safest year yet!

Know When to Pass – Super Bowl Campaign

Football game days are among the heaviest days for alcohol consumption, and TxDOT is taking the lead in tackling this issue. TxDOT wants to encourage fans to enjoy this year's upcoming Super Bowl, but to be responsible when it comes to game-day drinking and [know when to pass](#). Always designate a sober driver if you plan on drinking and if you are impaired, do not drive – call a taxi, use mass transit, contact the community safe ride program or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely or simply stay where you are.

A 2009 TxDOT research report shows that 45 percent of Texans who drink while at a football watching party report driving home. And in 2011, more than 1,400 DUI alcohol-related crashes in Texas occurred on football game days when a Texas team was playing. "Like" the Know When To Pass Campaign on [Facebook](#) and stay up to date throughout the football season.

Upcoming FREE *Our Driving Concern* Trainings

Our Driving Concern is excited to announce that beginning this spring, we will be offering FREE driving safety trainings throughout the state of Texas! This new curriculum is perfect for employers looking to educate their employees on all of the driving issues we cover with our program:

- Aggressive Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Impaired Driving
- Passenger Restraint

Stay tuned to [txdrivingconcern.org](#) and future newsletters for more information as we roll out the new trainings this spring.

NSC Texas Safety Conference & Expo

Join us at the [2013 National Safety Council Texas Safety Conference & Expo](#) – April 7-9 at the Galveston Island Convention Center in Galveston, Texas. The annual event provides an opportunity to hear nationally renowned speakers, pick up valuable knowledge at the technical sessions, receive continuing education credit through professional development seminars and explore the expo floor with more than 150 exhibiting companies. Visit [tsce.nsc.org](#) for more information.

Our Driving Concern Passenger Restraint Posters and Brochures

Visit the *Our Driving Concern* website to download free posters and brochures on passenger restraints to share with your colleagues.

[Safety Belts Brochure](#)

[Employer Costs Brochure](#)

["Buckle Up" Payroll Stuffer](#)

[Safety Belt Savings Payroll Stuffer](#)



Take the Texas Challenge!

The NSC Texas Challenge Injury Facts [quiz](#) is the newest way to educate employees about driving risks. The Texas Challenge provides a weekly question and safety tips directly related to Texas roadways.

Ways to use the Texas Challenge:

- Download and print posters linked in the quiz to hang around the building and share with employees.
- Use the quiz to reward employees for learning about driving risks.
- Share the quiz with audiences beyond employees, including customers, vendors and citizens in the community.

Our Driving Concern would love to hear your workplace safety success stories, problems and questions. Please send an e-mail to our Peer Advice column at debby.young@nsc.org and your story may be shared with other Texas safety employers.

(Links to Resources)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/>

National Safety Council
<http://www.nsc.org>

Texas Department of Transportation
<http://www.txdot.gov/>

Texas Employers Traffic Safety Program
<http://www.txdrivingconcern.org>

Texas Transportation Institute
<http://tti.tamu.edu/>

U.S. Department of Transportation
<http://www.dot.gov/>

Our Driving Concern is a monthly e-newsletter from the Texas Employer Traffic Safety Program, a landmark driving initiative funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. This initiative is building a statewide network of employer involvement in crash prevention for employees both on and off the job. Because you care about your employees and their families, and keeping employees safe means keeping your business healthy, this e-newsletter provides you with traffic safety resources from across the state. Visit us at www.txdrivingconcern.org.

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