



What is CSA and how does it affect me?

CSA stands for Compliance, Safety, Accountability. It is the safety compliance and enforcement program of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) that holds motor carriers and drivers accountable for their role in safety.

CSA affects motor carriers, including owner-operators, by identifying those with safety problems to prioritize them for interventions such as warning letters and investigations.

CSA affects drivers because their safety performance and compliance impact their safety records and, while working for a carrier, will impact their carrier's safety record. FMCSA organizes the SMS data into seven Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICS):

Unsafe Driving- Speeding, reckless driving, improper lane change, inattention, no seatbelts- Always wear seat belts, follow speed limits, pay attention, maintaining lanes and proper signals, No cell phone usage while driving.

Driver Fitness- Invalid license, medically unfit to operate a CMV- Keeping your license and medical up to date and with you while driving will help drive down our numbers on this one.

Crash Indicator- Histories of crash involvement (Not Public) - Use of Smith System 5 Keys, Proper Following Distance, GOAL

Vehicle Maintenance- Brakes, lights, defects, failure to make required repairs. Conduct pre- and post-trip inspections, record vehicle defects, and repair them prior to operating the vehicle.

Controlled Substances/Alcohol- Use/possession of controlled substances/alcohol- No improper use of alcohol or drugs, including prescription and Over-the-counter drugs that affect your ability to be alert.

Hazardous Materials Compliance- Leaking containers, improper packaging and/or placarding (Not Public)

Hours-of-Service Compliance- Noncompliance with HOS regulations, including logbooks- Taking breaks on time and not going over driving and on-duty restrictions. Logging into Peoplenet OBC and properly filling out logbooks is a must!

BASIC Category	Unsafe	Fitness	Crash	Maintenance	Drug/Alc	HazMa	HOS Compliance
Data Point	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile Change
Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change
January, 2018	10.0% +3.0	61.0% +2.0	87.0% +2.0	13.0% +1.0	0.0% 0.0	0.0% 0.0	32.0% -1.0
December, 2017	7.0% 0.0	59.0% -14.0	85.0% +6.0	12.0% -2.0	0.0% 0.0	0.0% 0.0	33.0% -3.0
October, 2017	6.0% -	59.0% -	74.0% -	15.0% -	0.0% -	0.0% -	37.0% -
Change since October	Worse 4%	Worse 2%	Worse 13%	Worse 1%	None	None	Better 5%