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Below are tips to help you stay safe during winter.

- Make sure to maintain your automobile radiator and antifreeze levels and keep the gas tank full to avoid the freezing of fuel lines. Also maintain tire pressure to aid in controlling your car on ice. Ensure your tires are appropriate for winter driving.
- Layer up! Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
- Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Protect your pipes. Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.
- The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- Use generators outside. Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.
- Ice is always a concern during the winter. Your regular routine for keeping access to your home clear should include adding sand or rock salt to slippery spots.
- Be careful when clearing snow and ice around your home. While shoveling push the snow rather than lifting it, if you do lift, use a small shovel or only partially fill the shovel. Always lift with your legs, not your back.
- Keep an emergency kit in both your car and home including:
    - Battery-operated devices, flashlight, lamps;
    - Batteries;
    - First aid kit and medicine; and
    - Car litter or sand for icy walkways.

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Test Your Knowledge - Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse

True or False

1. Drivers currently employed with you have to register. ❑ ❑
2. Carriers have to enter or approve ALL Clearinghouse entries made about a driver they employ. ❑ ❑
3. A carrier must go back and enter all positives and refusals for the previous three years. ❑ ❑
4. Officers on the road will not know about a driver's Clearinghouse entries. ❑ ❑
5. This program will require additional drug and alcohol tests to be conducted. ❑ ❑
6. All negative test results must be reported to the Clearinghouse. ❑ ❑
7. Carriers must register and pre-pay to use the system. ❑ ❑

Answers:

1. **False:** Drivers only have to register if they need to give consent for a full query, which will happen during pre-employment or if a carrier's limited query indicates that the Clearinghouse has information on the driver.
2. **False:** Carriers only have to enter violations they are involved in, such as positive alcohol results, refusals involving the carrier, actual knowledge situations, or alcohol use before a post-accident test. MROs will be reporting violations they are involved in, such as positive drug tests.
3. **False:** The Clearinghouse only accepts violations that occur on or after January 6, 2020.
4. **False:** Officers on the road will see whether a driver is disqualified due to a Clearinghouse entry.
5. **False:** There are no changes in the required tests. This program is in addition to the testing requirements.
6. **False:** Only violations are to be entered, along with specific benchmarks in the return-to-work process.
7. **True:** Carriers must register and pre-pay to use the system.

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To access the Clearinghouse, users must register online. Those users include:

- Employers of CDL drivers (this includes owner-operators).
- Third-Party Administrators.
- Medical Review Officers.
- Substance Abuse Professionals.

CDL drivers do not need to register, unless a motor carrier requests to run a full query of the driver (such as during a pre-employment check). If a carrier wants to run a full query, drivers will need to be registered to give consent before the query is completed. Before you register in the Clearinghouse, you should go into your FMCSA portal account and assign user roles for your staff. There are two roles available – DACH Motor Carrier User and DACH Motor Carrier Administrator. If you take this step in your portal account, it will make it much easier for you to register in the Clearinghouse, assign a TPA, purchase query bundles, etc. So the process is:

1. Go to your FMCSA portal account and assign roles for your office staff who will be using the Clearinghouse. One must be the administrator and all others are users.
2. Register in the D&A Clearinghouse.
3. Have the administrator you identified in your portal account log into the Clearinghouse and they will see the option to purchase queries, designate a TPA, etc.

There is no cost for registration, but carriers will have to pay $1.25 for each query performed. More information is available at online, or contact ISRI's Transportation Safety Director, Commodor Hall.