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Weekly Safety Tip

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Safety Slogan

Don't run red!

James Lehrke-SCI

of the week

SCI Safety Tip: Outreach Support: Implementing a Stop Red-Light Running Program

Source: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov>

In 1995, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) created the Stop Red-Light Running Program to help educate the public on the dangers of red-light running and increase enforcement at a grassroots, community level. A key platform of this effort is **National Stop on Red Week**, which takes place annually the first week of August, and during which communities across the country bring national visibility to this deadly traffic problem and step up enforcement efforts.

In 1998, DaimlerChrysler and the American Trauma Society (ATS) joined the FHWA to bring the program nationwide. Since its inception, the Stop Red-Light Running program has been piloted in numerous communities, with an average decrease in red-light running in those communities of 15%. While this partnership is no longer active, FHWA makes all of the materials developed to help communities launch successful Stop Red-Light Running programs available. Communities with successful programs launch an annual marketing and enforcement “campaign,” often in conjunction with National Stop on Red Week, to combat red-light running.

Stop Red-Light Running programs are intended to be unique to each community, based on its readiness to implement the program and its local planning calendar. However, all programs should follow a logical sequence of events. Each community can build their program upon national events for increased media attention and public awareness. The following **Step by Step Guide** links can help both new and experienced Stop Red-Light Running program coordinators successfully implement a public information and education program/campaign in their community.

- **Program Overview:** Provides example goals, program objectives, strategies, target audiences, etc. of a community Stop Red-Light Running Program.
- **Program Funding:** Provides tips for obtaining funding for a community Stop Red-Light Running Program including federal funding options for supporting a Stop Red-Light Running program, grassroots fundraising, and in-kind donations from companies and organizations.
- **Organizing a Coalition:** Provides tips and tools for organizing and obtaining key stakeholder support for a Stop Red-Light Running Program stakeholder coalition, including tips for sharing responsibilities and resources to ensure all members receive maximum benefit. Includes example letters to recruit potential coalition members.

- **Pre-Program Assessment:** Before launching a Stop Red-Light Running Program, it is important to understand the problem. This section provides specific good practices for conducting a pre-program assessment as a precursor to launching a Program.
- **Media and Public Relations:** Find specific tips and tools, including example marketing materials such as key messages, press releases, public service announcements (video, radio and print) and other resources to help a community implement a Stop Red-Light Running Program.
- **Program Launch/Campaign Kickoff:** A campaign kickoff of some type, especially if combined with a press conference, will be likely to attract the attention of the local media and result in the majority of your campaign's media placements. This section provides tips for planning a press conference, which apply also to campaign kickoff event events in general.
- **After the Launch: Continuing the Momentum:** Media and outreach efforts shouldn't stop after the press conference is over - they should continue at the same pace to maintain momentum and build program equity in the community. Here are some actions that should help keep the program going strong.
- **Ongoing Evaluation:** To ensure program effectiveness, your coalition needs to collect data of the same type and in the same format as was done before the program was launched. This section provides information to successfully evaluate the effectiveness of a community Stop Red-Light Running Program.

SCI OSHA News: If you tell OSHA you abated a hazard, make sure you do it

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OSHA has cited a manufacturing plant for providing false documentation and making false representation that previously cited hazards had been corrected. Make sure you never find yourself in a similar position.

The case involves an Ohio producer of motor vehicle trim. OSHA initiated a follow-up inspection because the employer had been placed in its Severe Violators Enforcement Program (SVEP) following a prior enforcement action. Upon returning, OSHA discovered that abatement documentation provided to the agency in 2013 was false. Apparently, employees had been exposed to unguarded machines and unsafe maintenance procedures well after the employer claimed to have abated the hazards.

Failing to protect workers from dangerous machinery is among the most frequently cited OSHA violations. Such injuries frequently result in death or permanent disability.

Don't let production trump safety at your site

What steps can you take to make sure you don't make the kind of error that could cost this employer nearly \$1 million? According to the Laborers' Health & Safety Fund of North America, the issue is safety culture. Ask these questions:

- Do workers feel comfortable raising safety issues with their supervisor?
- Do workers from one trade feel comfortable approaching someone from another trade if they see safety concerns?
- Do workers have the right to refuse unsafe work?
- Are workers encouraged to report incidents and close calls?
- Does your incentive program discourage incident reporting?
- Are reports of unsafe conditions addressed promptly?

- Do employees have the time to do the work safely, or do they feel pressured to take shortcuts?
- Do supervisors talk about safety at every meeting?
- Are supervisors good listeners?
- Are the needs of younger, older, and immigrant workers addressed?

If you are comfortable with your answers to these questions, it's likely that you have an effective safety culture that would not tolerate lying to OSHA about hazard abatements.

HEALTHY BITES

Quick Tips for Healthy Living



Kidney Stones

A kidney stone is a solid piece of material that forms in the kidney from substances in the urine. It may be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a pearl. Most kidney stones pass out of the body without help from a doctor. But sometimes a stone will not go away. It may get stuck in the urinary tract, block the flow of urine and cause great pain.

The following may be signs of kidney stones that need a doctor's help:

- Extreme pain in your back or side that will not go away
- Blood in your urine
- Fever and chills
- Vomiting
- Urine that smells bad or looks cloudy
- A burning feeling when you urinate

Your doctor will diagnose a kidney stone with urine, blood, and imaging tests.

If you have a stone that won't pass on its own, you may need treatment. It can be done with shock waves; with a scope inserted through the tube that carries urine out of the body, called the urethra; or with surgery.

NIH: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases



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