Safe Driver

Course Syllabus

Course Length: 3-4 hours	Prerequisites: None	Hands-on Training: Additional hands-on training required
Refresher Training Required: None Frequency: Recommended Annually	References: • 49 CFR Part 393 Subpart i. • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention • Department of Transportation • Federal Highway Administration • Insurance Institute for Highway Safety • International Association of Oil and Gas Producers • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • National Association of City Transportation Officials • National Highway Traffic Safety Administration • National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health • National Institute on Drug Abuse • National Institutes on Health Full list of references available in course material	

Description

Safe Driver is a training program that addresses the distressing record of serious injury and fatality crashes involving personal and light-duty company vehicles in the oil and gas exploration and production industry.

The program combines four hours of instructor-led classroom instruction with a hands-on application component to equip oil and gas industry drivers with the knowledge and skills to operate vehicles safely in challenging environments. Students will learn about industry-specific hazards, defensive driving techniques, vehicle monitoring systems, standard company policies, and emergency response protocols. The program's goal is to ensure that drivers are well-prepared to navigate the unique challenges of the oil and gas industry while prioritizing safety at all times.

Certifications

Upon successful completion of the course, students receive their Veriforce ID card. This card reflects Veriforce course requirements the student has met. Employers may verify student training on the ID card or online at www.PECCard.com.

Veriforce will not validate the hands-on portion of the safe driver training requirement.

Course Evaluation

Students will receive an exam to verify competency in Safe Driver topics to fulfill the classroom training requirement.

Course Objectives

1. Identifying the Problem
    a. Discuss the outcomes of unsafe driving and potential causes for it in the oil and gas industry.
    b. Identify the appropriate attitude required for safe driving.
2. Preparing to Drive
    a. Describe how to perform a Six-Point Walkaround Inspection.
    b. Explain the proper use and reasons for wearing a seat belt.
    c. Discuss the adjustments required for ergonomic seat positioning.
    d. Identify elements required for optimal visibility while driving.
3. The Big Five
    a. List the big five factors that contribute to being involved in a vehicle crash.
    b. Describe the various conditions that might make the safest speed different from the posted speed limit.
    c. Explain the steps for maintaining a safe following distance while driving.
    d. Discuss the different causes and solutions to impaired driving.
    e. Identify the three types of distractions to driving.
    f. Describe how to overcome triggers that lead to road rage.
4. The Dynamic Roadway
    a. Define situational awareness for driving on the dynamic roadway.
    b. Explain how to safely drive in potentially hazardous situations.

c. Describe what to do when approaching an intersection.
d. List the steps you should take when involved in a collision or your vehicle breaks down.

5. Industry-Embraced Safe Driving Tools and Policies
    a. Identify the driver competencies for safe driving in the oil and gas industry.
    b. Explain the workings of a Journey Management Program.
    c. Discuss the services and benefits of Telematics.
    d. Explain the purpose of First Move Forward policies.
    e. Describe the proper use of spotters for backing up.
6. Oil and Gas Driving Hazards
    a. Discuss the driving hazards associated with access roads and on-site traffic.
    b. Identify the steps required to safely re-enter the surface road traffic.