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Fleet Safety Offers New Service

Fleet Safety has recently begun offering urine drug screen collections in our office at 12 Harvard Street, Worcester MA. We currently have seven trained collectors on our staff and will be adding another to do on-site collections at our clients locations in the next few weeks. No appointments are required and we will be happy to stock your Custody & Control forms to make it even more convenient.

The feedback has been very positive: no waiting, easy access, many qualified collectors and FREE parking is also available behind the building.

Breath Alcohol testing is not available at this time but will be added to our services this summer.

Please give us a call if you would like more information on these, or any of our services.



Claire Andersen

Preventative Maintenance Requirement

The DOT mandates that all companies must have a preventative maintenance program in place. Section 49 CFR 396.3 prescribes that a company must have a means to indicate the nature and due date of the various inspections and maintenance operations to be performed. In plain English this means that a company must have some type of system in place which indicates "what they did, when they did it and when it is due again". The regulations don't mandate exactly what you have to do, simply that you have an effective system in place. This essentially means that you must be able to demonstrate that you have a system in place which maintains your vehicles in proper working condition.

Example: Every 3 months conduct a PM on your power units and trailers in which all major components of the unit are inspected. You can utilize a canned checklist for the inspection or maintain the information on a grease/white board in your shop, but be sure to keep records of all such PMs for at least 12 months. If you routinely inspect brakes and lights weekly or bi-weekly, keep a record of the inspections, the results, and the maintenance performed.

Beyond complying with the DOT regulations, PM records will come in very useful if you have an accident in which poor maintenance is alleged to have contributed to the crash. **Keep this in mind: If it's not properly documented, then in some circles of law enforcement, the work was never done.**

Clay Eppard

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