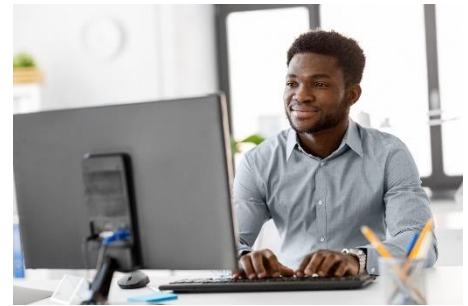


Online Tool Creates Trucking Safety Programs

The Trucking Injury Reduction Emphasis through Surveillance (TIRES) project, which is part of the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries' Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention (SHARP) program, is rolling out a first-of-its-kind online [Safety Program Development Tool](#) that enables trucking companies to create safety programs tailored to their specific mix of vehicles, equipment, and work environments. The tool is the result of a multi-year collaboration between TIRES staff, trucking industry safety experts, and software developers.



The Challenge

Trucking has some of the highest injury rates among all industries. Having a company safety program is the best way to prevent injuries. Lack of one tops state workplace safety rule violations for Washington State trucking companies. Injury prevention and safety requirements compliance are harder for small to mid-sized companies to achieve with limited safety management resources.

The Response

The [TIRES Safety Program Development Tool](#) is a free tool that uses data input from the company to create a customized safety program that exceeds basic state requirements. The safety program covers these areas:

- Management leadership and commitment
- Employee involvement and participation
- Hazard identification and assessment
- Hazard prevention and control
- Education and training
- Customer / multi-employer site safety
- Program monitoring and improvement

Company feedback from pilot testing indicated that they enjoyed the tool's simple features. All that's needed is a Google Chrome internet browser, a printer, and a few minutes to type some company information. The tool does the rest. The company's final download includes safety policies, hazard and injury reporting forms, PPE guidance, a training plan, and much more. Companies can also update their safety program at any time. The tool can be accessed at [TIRES Safety Program Development Tool](#).

The Impact

The TIRES Safety Program Development Tool is a breakthrough in using web technology to deploy safety resources to trucking companies that need them. Nearly any short-haul and regional trucking company in Washington State can use the tool. Future development can expand the tool's ability to fill similar safety needs in resource-limited segments of other industries.

For more information, visit: <http://www.keeptruckingsafe.org/Safety-Program-overview.html> or contact SHARP's TIRES staff at (888) 667-4277.