



JOURNEY MANAGEMENT

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LENGTH 2–5 minutes

TO PREPARE Read the background information.

BACKGROUND

- In today's world with many employees driving to accomplish work-related tasks, now may be the right time to talk with all of your employees about how they manage their journeys that involve driving.
- Discussing the topic of journey management matters—because transportation incidents are the leading cause of occupational fatalities and injuries.
- Injuries, property damage, and lost productivity are costly to employers. For latest injury facts, visit:
 - <https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/motor-vehicle/overview/introduction/>

DISCUSSION

- Prepare for the worst, but hope for the best. These are words to live by in a world where the unexpected can mean serious consequences.
- **Preparing** means **planning** for journeys, both on and off the job.
- **Journey management** refers to a planned and systematic approach to reducing transportation-related risks within a company's operations.



How can using a Journey Management plan help employees who drive?

- Helps decide if journey is necessary and if driving is the best transportation option
- Minimizes unnecessary trips and distances driven
- Helps manage transportation risks associated with necessary trips



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If driving is the best transportation option available for a journey, what factors should be considered in a Journey Management plan?

- Decide on the route, based on types of roads, weather, traffic patterns and construction conditions.
- Plan rest periods and locations of rests if the journey is longer than four hours.
- Consider and plan for unexpected delays.
- Know what to do in case of emergency.
- Make sure communication is available.
- Make sure the vehicle is roadworthy.
- Know who to contact if unexpected issues occur and who knows the journey is taking place.
- Plan the time of day for the journey; driving at night or while fatigued greatly increases risk.

OPTIONAL DISCUSSION

Emergencies on the Road

If time allows for a discussion on Emergency Management, watch the webinar on **Emergencies on the Road** at the link:

- <https://tinyurl.com/y9hw2tx2>

If time is not available now to view and discuss this topic, include it soon in your next Safety Talk.

SUMMARY

- Making a Journey Management Plan increases your chances of arriving safely.
- Your best plan should include considering all routes, road and weather conditions, communications, emergency management and timing of the journey; apply these key points in your Journey Management Plan.