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EVASIVE ACTION



A study prepared for AAA foundation for traffic safety about the role of driver distraction in traffic crashes reported that 14 percent of safety-critical events occurred when the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver executed an inadequate evasive action

The FMCSA defines Inadequate evasive action "as situations when drivers fail to execute a proper evasive maneuver by not using sufficient steering inputs, not braking appropriately, or a combination of insufficient steering and braking inputs".

A rear end accident is a good example of a driver failing to take adequate evasive action. If you see that vehicles ahead are braking you must slow down so you can safely react to changing conditions. Keep in mind that in order to do so, you must have the appropriate following distance, since it takes $\frac{3}{4}$ of a second from the moment your brain sends a signal to your foot to move from the accelerator to the brake pedal, plus the time it takes to actually slow down your vehicle.

Don't fool yourself into thinking $\frac{3}{4}$ of a second is not a big deal, in that very short amount of time, you could easily have traveled 60 feet.



If you have any questions about this subject, please contact the Safety Department at ext. 1304 or email us at ssandri@nalogistics.com.

And remember..... Safety is not a choice is a must!