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Dear RETRO Members;

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's <u>Stop Risky Driving</u> is going on now. Watch this short video *No Big Deal* <u>https://www.nhtsa.gov/crash/</u> and see the perspectives from the firemen, policemen and EMT view of an accident scene.

First topic is: **Drugs/Alcohol** – It's obvious that you wouldn't want to ride in a bus driven by a driver who is under the influence or fly in an airplane piloted by one. We don't often think about the fact that this same level of impairment is affecting an alcohol user or drug user at work.

We might not be entrusting our lives to that person, but we are certainly entrusting our customer relationships, and our productivity, and our employee morale to that impaired person. Here are some recommended web resources:

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug information
- National Institute on Drug Abuse
- RASI SAFETYTV also has a section on substance abuse

Please review your policies and update them to include alcohol, prescription drug abuse and other drugs.

The second item is: **Pallet Jack Use** – Lately we have been seeing more claims involving pallet jack use and have put together some information for you to review with your employees that use manual or electric pallet jacks. Included in this packet are handouts on:

How to Prevent Pallet Jacks from Causing Injury Pallet Jack Rules (employee/supervisor sign off)

There are some great videos on **RASI SAFETYTV** on this topic.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

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