



Instructions for the IMHA Fleet Safety Contest

1. **Eligibility:** To enter the IMHA Fleet Safety Contest, all applicants must be current members in good standing with the International Milk Haulers Association.
2. **Reporting of Accidents:** In general, all accidents are reportable in the contest regardless of preventability, whose property was damaged or the amount of damage, who was at fault, whether the accident resulted in a fatality or injury, or whether the accident occurred on public or private property. Except for accidents involving fleet-operated passenger cars, service vehicles or similar miscellaneous equipment, accidents must be reported whether the fleet vehicle was owned, or its use obtained through rental, short-term or long-term lease, interchange or other similar arrangement.

3. **What is a DOT-recordable accident?** As stated in 49 CFR part 390.5, a recordable accident includes all occurrences that meet the following criteria:

- a fatality; or
- a personal injury requiring the injured person(s) to be taken from the accident scene for medical attention; or
- when a vehicle involved in the accident had to be towed from the scene of the accident.

Compare your accidents to SMS to confirm all accidents are accounted for. If you have a recordable accident in which the carrier or driver was not held at fault and was non-preventable, please provide any police or accident reports and written details regarding the accident. It will be taken into consideration upon review of the application.

4. Common Types of Non-Recordable Accidents

Exclude any of the below from the DOT Recordable portion of the application.

- A. "Wear and Tear" Damage: Cumulative visible damage to bumpers, rub rails or other components installed and designed to absorb minor impacts. Bending, breaking, cracking or crushing is not considered "wear and tear" damage.
- B. Properly Parked Vehicle: The fleet vehicle is properly parked and secured in a location where parking is legal. In a rural area, the fleet vehicle must be clear of all traveled lanes and emergency warning devices must be in place as required by law. A double-parked vehicle, or a vehicle parked in a location where parking is prohibited (regardless of local law or enforcement policy) is not covered by this exclusion.
- C. Animals: Collisions with animals are not recordable if death or injury is confined to the animal, or property damage is limited to that resulting directly from impact with the animal.
- D. Road Debris: Rocks, gravel or similar debris kicked up by traffic.
- E. Flying/Falling Objects: Tree limbs or other debris propelled by wind, or debris falling from a construction site.
- F. Ice/Snow falling on or off a vehicle.

Your participation is important. In order to hold this awards program, a minimum number of entries must be received.

Please complete all information requested and indicate the category in which you are entering. Mileage and accident records must be submitted separately.



International Milk Haulers Association

FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

The International Milk Haulers Association Annual Fleet Safety Contest was developed to recognize member fleets in good standing that have the best record of safe operation in the U.S. and Canada. Applicants are divided into the below categories for **2025** miles driven.

- 1,000,000 miles and under
- 1,000,001 - 5,000,000 miles
- 5,000,001 miles and more

Provide a one-page description that includes information about your company's operation size and scope within the U.S. or Canada (type, number, etc.) as well as details on safety efforts and programs implemented to ensure a continual commitment to safety.

All award winners will be notified and invited to attend the awards presentation at the Annual Convention Banquet. Details of the awards presentation will be sent to award winners as they are finalized.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I report accidents?

All accidents are reportable regardless of preventability, whose property was damaged or the amount of damage, who was at fault, whether the accident resulted in a fatality or injury, or whether the accident occurred on public or private property. Except for accidents involving fleet-operated passenger cars, service vehicles or similar miscellaneous equipment, accidents must be reported whether the fleet vehicle was owned, or its use obtained through rental, short-term or long-term lease, interchange or other similar arrangement.

What is a "recordable accident"?

As stated in 49 CFR part 390.5 a recordable accident includes all occurrences that meet the following criteria:

- a) a fatality; or
- b) a personal injury requiring the injured person(s) to be taken from the accident scene or medical attention; or
- c) when a vehicle involved in the accident had to be towed from the scene of the accident.

Compare your accidents to SMS to confirm all accidents are accounted for. If you have a recordable accident in which the carrier or driver was not held at fault and believe was non-preventable, provide any police or accident reports and written details regarding the accident. It will be taken into consideration upon review of the application. Send materials to the attention of Executive Director, Cherie Hime.

Refer to milkhauler.org/fleet-safety for information and application.

Applications due by February 28, 2026

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2025 Fleet Safety Contest Application

Company name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____

Company Rep: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ US DOT#: _____

Checklist:

- Submit mileage and accident/police records separately
- Provide a one-page description that includes information about your company's operation size and scope, details on safety efforts, and programs implemented to ensure a continual commitment to safety, including technology and driver incentives.

Time period covered is January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Category	2025 Miles Driven	Percentage of freight transported	All Accidents	DOT recordable accidents
1,000,000 miles and under		Food Grade Tank _____ Other products _____		
1,000,001 - 5,000,000 miles		Food Grade Tank _____ Other products _____		
5,000,001 miles and more		Food Grade Tank _____ Other products _____		

To my knowledge, the facts reported above are true and complete.

Safety Department

Name (please print):

Title:

Email:

Signature*:

Date:

Company Officer

Name (please print):

Title:

Signature*:

Date:

**The signature(s) above constitute an agreement to the audit of applicable safety records by a representative of the International Milk Haulers Association if the company is determined eligible for an award.*

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All applications are subject to audit by the International Milk Haulers Association

