

December 2005 Safety Meeting

Propane Security

Homeland security is a popular topic in these months and years since 9/11. Not a day or news broadcast goes by without someone talking about it. We all agree that every American shares at least some responsibility for homeland security, especially those workers in the hazardous materials industry. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss what the DOT of the Department of Homeland Security expects of employees in the propane industry.

Listed below are some general tips and observations that propane employees should consider relative to the propane industry;

- Be familiar with your company's security plan. Remember, all companies transporting hazardous materials, including propane, must have a security plan in place.
- Know the person in your company that is designated to receive information about security issues at your company. Report to that person all concerns you have about security within your company.
- Assist in controlling access inside your place of business. Remember, not everyone has a right to gain access "inside the gates".
- Secure and lock your propane truck at night and even in the daytime.
- Inspect your truck and facility frequently for evidence of tampering or misbehavior.
- Keep route schedules and customer information away from individuals who don't have a legitimate need to see them.
- While performing a truck walk-around, look for evidence of security issues like tampering with valves or safety control systems.
- Never pickup hitchhikers.
- Try to keep on your assigned route as much as possible and advise your office if you need to deviate from it.
- When parking your truck for a break, park it so you can keep an eye on it making it easy for you to respond to any suspicious activities.
- Watch for people who seem to have more than a passing interest in your activities. They may be sizing you up in an attempt to breach your security.
- Keep aware of the nation's threat level. The higher the security threat level, the greater the security threat.
- Be especially wary of stopping for a roadside "accident". Terrorists could stage these "accidents" in attempt to seize your truck. Generally speaking, it's not advisable to stop a propane truck for any roadside accident unless there is the threat of imminent death by accident victims.

Instructor: Review with the participants your company's security plan. Ask questions from the group to ensure all participants are familiar with the plan.

What is the actual threat of terrorism on the propane industry? Who knows for sure, but unless everyone in our industry takes these threats seriously, we could be the next target.

December 2005 Test

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: Read and answer each of the following questions. When complete, grade the test and review incorrect answers so each employee is “armed” with the correct answers before they leave the training.

1. When parking your truck on a break, always try to keep in visual contact with it:
 - a. True
 - b. False

2. All companies transporting hazardous materials must have a Security Plan in place.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. The higher the nation’s threat level, the more drivers should pay attention to terrorist threats:
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. If you are falling behind schedule don’t inform your office.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. Propane trucks should stop for all accidents.
 - a. True
 - b. False

December 2005 Answer Sheet

1. a
2. a
3. a
4. b
5. b