

Instructions for the TSC Fleet Safety Award Contest

1. **Eligibility:** To enter the 2023 TANY Safety Council (TSC) Fleet Safety Award Contest, all applicants must be current members in good standing with the Trucking Association of New York.
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. a fatality; or
 - B. a personal injury requiring the injured person(s) to be taken from the accident scene for 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 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.
5. **Further Information:** Additional recognition of carriers is based on the number of consecutive years they have been eligible to receive a Fleet Safety Award:
- Bronze - 3-4 consecutive years
 - Silver - 5-9 consecutive years
 - Gold - 10+ consecutive years

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

Please complete all information requested and indicate the category in which you are entering. For a company entering in more than one category, a minimum of 33% of all NY miles must be in that category. Mileage and accident records must be submitted separately by category.