BETTER EQUIPMENT STARTS WITH DVIRS

AS A DRIVER WHAT IF YOU COULD:

- Have access to better, more reliable roadworthy chassis?
- Be more productive by increasing turn times at terminals?
- Contribute to making the roadways a safer place for all?

YOU CAN! AND IT’S EASIER THAN YOU THINK.

It only requires a simple notification of a defect at the time of the equipment interchange, called a driver vehicle inspection report (DVIR). If you are aware of a defect on the chassis you are in-gating, simply acknowledge that defect by issuing a DVIR at the gate. This lets the facility operator, the IEP and M&R personnel know your chassis will need repairs before it can be used again.

IT’S A TEAM EFFORT!

Better chassis and more efficient hub turn times are an achievable goal, but it involves cooperation among all key stakeholders:

- Drivers
- IEPs
- M&R Providers
- Facility Operators

Everyone has a role to play, but the cycle of compliance and improvement starts with drivers. Nobody knows the status of the equipment better than you!
COMMON DVIR MISCONCEPTIONS

**MISCONCEPTION 1**
A DVIR WILL TRIGGER A REBILL TO DRIVERS FOR THE EXPENSE OF REPAIRING A CHASSIS

**REALITY**
The simple act of submitting a DVIR does not incriminate the driver, nor does it rebill the driver for the expense of repairs. Often, defects are the result of basic maintenance needs, with the IEP assuming responsibility and handling the expense. Only when the driver is responsible for the damage can they potentially be held liable.

**MISCONCEPTION 2**
A DVIR IS COMPLICATED

**REALITY**
Submitting a DVIR is simple. Look for the prompt asking if there are equipment defects and provide the proper notification. That chassis is now flagged as a “bad order” and will not be used until it is repaired.

**MISCONCEPTION 3**
A DVIR IS OPTIONAL

**REALITY**
Filing one is not necessary if there are no defects to the equipment. However, if the driver knows of at least one defect, the FMCSA requires the driver to complete a DVIR.

DVIRs support better safety standards for everyone. They contribute to more reliable and roadworthy equipment, increase efficiency and terminal turn times, and help strengthen fleet-wide productivity. Completing a DVIR ensures you’re complying with federal law, and more importantly, you’re helping drivers like yourself, decreasing the likelihood of them pulling a bad order chassis on their next trip to a terminal.