



# Electronic Logging Devices

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Who is IMG? A private network of 56 motorcoach companies located around North America. Safety, Training, Customer Service Excellence are core values of IMG. As a network we work together to provide premium delivery of motorcoach transportation.

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# Panelists



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# Hours of Service (USA)

Hours of Service (HOS) regulations have not changed:

- May drive a maximum of 10 hours after 8 consecutive hours off duty.
- May not drive after having been on duty for 15 hours, following 8 consecutive hours off duty. Off-duty time is not included in the 15-hour period.
- May not drive after 60/70 hours on duty in 7/8 consecutive days.

# HOS WHAT IT MEAN

- In a 24 hour day, a driver can drive a maximum of 10 hours within duty period of up to 15 hours. They **MUST** then have 8 consecutive hours off duty (resting) to be legal and drive following day.
- On Duty time is considered time behind the wheel and any time the driver has a responsibility for passengers and/or the motorcoach.
- When off duty a Driver has no responsibilities to the motorcoach or passengers.

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The deadline to introduce ELD (Electronic Logging Devices) for motorcoach companies is December 17, 2017, what is the status at your company?

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Is the introduction of ELD's a good thing?

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- How do ELD's impact Hours of Service? Are there any changes that I, as a tour operator, need to understand?
  - Connectivity to the engine/paper files more latitude
  - ELD's measure in smaller increments of time
  - DOT inspection of motorcoach records now easier
  - Tour operators will need to work more closely with their motorcoach provider



# Planning of Itineraries

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- Working together – plan & evaluate itineraries
- What considerations do we now need to take into account:
  - Congestion (a known factor in major cities)
  - Accidents (and unexpected incidents)
  - Weather (what is forecast vs. unexpected)

# To really understand....

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Q: When does a driver's Hours of Service begin?

Q: Does a driver really need a full 8 hours off duty? What is your policy?

Q: The ELD is tethered to the motorcoach, does that mean it will "stop" if the Driver's Hours of Service expire?

# To really understand....



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Q: When do Hours of Service begin and end, do they include vehicle preparation time at beginning and end of day?

Q: What is the impact to the motorcoach operator if a driver exceeds his/her Hours of Service?

Q: How much warning is given, by the ELD, that a driver is approaching his/her limit for Hours of Service?

# Situations – what it means:

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Q: The vehicle is parked at an amusement park/museum, the group is at the venue, driver is resting in motorcoach for three hours before group returns, is that considered on duty?

Q: Same example, however the driver has to move the vehicle, is that considered to be on duty?

# Situations – what it means:



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Q: The tour operator does not pre-arrange overnight parking at hotel for the motorcoach, in major city. Driver has to take motorcoach to an off-site parking facility and uber/taxi back – is that considered to be on duty?

Q: The tour director/guide, asks driver to take some students back to the hotel earlier than remainder of group, and act as a shuttle. This was not part of the original itinerary does that impact Hours of Service

# Situations – what it means:



Q: The group was delayed, arriving at hotel 2 hours later than planned. The offsite dinner is now two hours later, which means the driver does not finish his day until 11.00 p.m. (should have been 9.00 p.m.) Does that impact the 6.30 a.m. planned departure for the next day?

Q: The restroom is in need of a major clean and motorcoach has to be taken to an appropriate disposal facility, will that impact the driver's Hours of Service?

# In conclusion

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IMG motorcoach operators will always put safety first and work within the boundaries set by the regulators.

To assist our partners in SYTA we recommend submitting itineraries for review and comment as far in advance as possible.

Road conditions and timings are what we, your motorcoach supplier, know best.

The IMG network is here to help you transport your students safely.

# Q&A

Questions and comments from SYTA operators



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# Upcoming Webinars

- Understanding Electronic Driver Logs  
November 1, 2017, 12:00 PM EDT
- Essential Planning Tools for Music Performance Tour Providers, December 6, 2017, 1:00 PM EST
- New Member Orientation Webinar  
December 13, 2017, 12:00 PM EST

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