

Transportation Driver Safety

Whether making sure employees are safe while operating a company vehicle or getting to and from work unharmed, transportation safety is important to almost every business. Implementing safety rules will help your company get closer to being accident-free.

Safety Rules

- Employees and passengers must wear seat belts when driving or riding in vehicles on company business.
- Report to work free from the aftereffects of drugs or alcohol.
- Report maintenance needs or hazards before the end of your work shift.
- Perform a written vehicle safety inspection of your vehicle on a regular basis.
- Report incidents or injuries in writing immediately.
- Do not drive a vehicle if you feel it is unsafe.
- Use three-point contact when mounting or dismounting any part of the truck.
- Do not jump from any part of the truck.
- Maintain an accident documentation kit in your vehicle.
- Maintain a dry chemical fire extinguisher and first aid kit in your vehicle.
- Do not tailgate other motorists.
- Do not use cell phones while driving.
- Do not drive when fatigued or distracted.
- Maintain a safe speed and follow posted limits.
- Back vehicles safely, and when backing into congested areas, use a spotter.
- Perform a walk-around of the vehicle before driving.
- All glass and mirrors should be kept clean.
- Floorboards must be clear of mud, supplies or tools, and all tools must be safely secured.
- Do not overload the work truck or trailers.
- Increase following distance when pulling trailers.
- Do not allow co-workers in between the truck and trailer.
- Remove regulators and replace safety caps on torch valves before driving.
- Do not operate truck-mounted service cranes within ten feet of overhead power lines.

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