

Safety Director's Notebook

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ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS

Each year thousands of trucks and drivers are stopped for a roadside inspection at a weigh station. The purpose of a Roadside Inspection is to make sure that the commercial motor vehicle and the driver are safe and in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. There are 6 levels of inspections, but the most common are Level I (detailed vehicle and driver), Level II (walk-a-round vehicle & driver), and Level III (driver only). The Inspector will issue a Roadside Inspection Report. This report must be turned in to your office. If there are any major violations, the driver or the vehicle can be placed "Out-of-Service". Out of Service violations must be corrected before the vehicle or driver leave the inspection site.



The following are things that the company and the driver can do to help pass these inspections?

1. Make sure that all vehicles have been properly maintained and have annual inspection stickers.
2. Make sure that all registration, insurance, permits, etc. are available for inspection.
3. Drivers should conduct Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Inspections every day.
4. Keep vehicle clean inside and outside.
5. Drivers need to keep their log book current.
6. Drivers must have current medical card and CDL.
7. Drivers must make sure that they are wearing their seatbelt.
8. Make sure that the cargo has been properly secured.
9. Have a positive attitude and don't take it out on the inspector.



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