

Tip Sheet



A series of health and safety tips to prevent work-related injuries in the trucking industry

Truck Maintenance Tips for Drivers

Keep yourself and others safe

Maintain your truck and equipment in good working order. This will keep you and others safe - and it's the law.

Daily

Check tires, lights and turn signal/hazard flashers for your tractor and trailer at the start of every trip. Use your employer provided checklist.

CFR Title 49, Parts 396.11 and 396.13

Routine maintenance

Regular preventive maintenance inspections may be based on time or mileage. Check the vehicle's manual for the manufacturer's recommendations for maintenance. Pay special attention to items such as:

- Brakes.
- Steering.
- Tires.
- Mirrors and any features allowing the driver to see clearly (such as CCTV cameras).
- Windshield washers and wipers.
- Steps, walkboards or ladders.
- Pneumatic or hydraulic hoses, outriggers, liftgates, hoists or other material handling features.
- Headboard racks and load attachment points (hooks and winches).

For more information

- **Equipment, inspection, and use** CFR Title 49, Part 392.7
- **Inspection, repair, and maintenance** CFR Title 49, Parts, 396.1 through 396.25
- **Safe workplace** WAC 296-800-110
- **Forklifts** WAC 296-863-300

Employers - Be sure employees are properly trained in maintenance procedures.

Employees - Ask for help if you're not sure how to complete a task.



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