

Commercial Vehicle Toolkit

Driver safety essentials

1 Keep a fire extinguisher in your work truck

Fire departments responded to an average of one highway vehicle fire every 2 minutes and 47 seconds. Fire extinguishers top the list of the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations**, and every vehicle in your fleet should be equipped with one.

2 Have a toolkit with a flashlight in your vehicle

Equip your drivers with the most common tools they might need, starting with a flashlight. Well-prepared drivers help ensure worker safety and ensure jobs get completed efficiently.

3 Keep extra commercial vehicle fluids on hand

Providing your drivers with back-up fluids, like oil, coolant, and antifreeze, can save the day if an emergency arises. Your commercial vehicle drivers may not always be near a service station or mechanic, so it's important for them to have a surplus of necessities.

4 Navigation system and road atlas should be in your vehicles

Even with a GPS tracking system, onboard navigation system, or a navigation app, phone batteries can die and navigation systems can fail. Have a back-up plan- a city map or a road atlas - for every vehicle in your fleet.



5 Keep jumper cables and a portable battery jump starter in your vehicles

What does your driver do with a dead battery on an empty highway? Keep a lithium-ion powered jump starter on hand - it powers up to 80 jumpstarts with only one charge.

6 Keep reflective gear and high-visibility clothing in your trucks

Reflective equipment, like emergency triangles and flares, warn other drivers of a vehicle emergency. Learn what placement protocols the Federal Motor Safety Carrier Administration requires for their use and how it differs depending on the kind of road you're on.

7 Keep food, water, and spare clothes in your vehicles

If driving conditions are bad or if your workers are in rural or remote areas, they will be glad they have food, water, and a change of clothes in their truck. If your driver is stranded, these supplies will be a life saver and they'll be glad you gave guidance.

8 Personal protective equipment (PPE), and spill response kits are important to have in your trucks

If your work trucks carry any hazardous materials (i.e. pesticides, fuels, caustics, etc.), make sure your crew adheres to all local and national transportation safety laws. Personal protective equipment, like eye protection, hard hats, gloves, and a spill response kit are essential items to keeping drivers safe from hazards on the road.