

ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS

FIVE WAYS TO BE READY WHEN AN INSPECTOR STOPS YOU

1 Organize your documents before you drive

Be ready to present your CDL, Record of Duty Status (RODS), registration, permits, and inspection reports. Keep everything clean, organized, and easy to access, you don't want to make the inspector wait while you search.

2 Keep your cab clean and clutter-free

A messy cab signals neglect and may trigger a closer inspection. Excess clutter can even raise concerns about load security.

3 Remember BLT: brakes, lights, tires

Daily inspections help prevent Out-of-Service violations. Most issues come down to these three, so check them every time.

4 Know how to transfer your RODS

Practice using your ELD so you can quickly transfer your RODS. Be familiar with all methods (email, USB, Bluetooth), inspectors may have a preference.

5 Be polite and professional

Stay calm, courteous, and cooperative. Remain in your cab with your seatbelt buckled and follow instructions. If you disagree with a violation, document it and let your carrier handle it.

Stay calm. Stay professional. Stay safe.

