

Loss Control

Summer DOT Compliance Checklist 2026



As we approach peak inspection season, taking a proactive approach can keep operations running smoothly. Follow the checklist below to prepare:

CVSA International Roadcheck

[CVSA International Roadcheck runs May 12 through May 14.](#) Inspectors will be focused on ELD Compliance and HOS records. Cargo securement will be the vehicle component focus. Trucks with log violations or mechanical defects may be placed out of service immediately. To prepare:

- ☐ Confirm your ELD is connected and working properly.
- ☐ Verify the correct duty status is used and annotations are in place for items such as adverse driving conditions or personal conveyance.
- ☐ Make sure multiple days logs are correct, and rest breaks are properly recorded. Inspectors can look at prior day logs.
- ☐ Check tarps and tie-downs. Even enclosed trailers must have load bars and straps used properly to prevent freight from shifting.

Operation Safe Driver Week

Operation Safe Driver Week is scheduled for July 12 through July 18. This week targets driver behavior, including speeding, distracted driving, following too closely, and improper lane changes. Both trucks and passenger cars may be targeted. To prepare:

- ☐ Now is a good time to retrain drivers in defensive driving techniques such as following distance, making the proper pass, and merging/mirror adjustment.

Brake Safety Week

Brake Safety Week runs August 23 through August 29. Inspectors focus on brake systems, worn components, air leaks, and any condition that affects stopping distance. 40% of all OOS violations are brake related. To prepare:

- ☐ Take a look. There is an entire website dedicated to Brake Safety campaigns at [Brake Safety Campaigns - CVSA - Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance](#)

Other Ways to Prepare

- ☐ Mock audits can help you identify and fix any issues now.
- ☐ Be sure drivers understand the regulations, not just “know” them.
- ☐ Amp up driver training prior to the blitzes so drivers are prepared.
- ☐ Ensure documentation is current for maintenance, daily inspection, and HOS.

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