

5 Must-Haves for the 2020 CVSA International Roadcheck

It's back on! The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) International Roadcheck—postponed back in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic—is now set for **Sept. 9-11**. During the event, CVSA inspectors will inspect Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) and drivers throughout North America. It's the world's largest targeted enforcement program for CMVs.

This year's theme: driver requirements for roadside inspections. Last year, more than 3.3 million driver inspections took place nationwide, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Of those inspections, 28 percent resulted in a driver violation, and 6 percent placed a driver out-of-service.

Prepare for roadside inspections – and for the 2020 Roadcheck—with these five must-haves.

- 1. Buckle that seat belt.** Failure to use a seat belt is the No. 1 driver-related violation. Also, make sure your truck's seat belts are in good working order.
- 2. Keep Record of Duty Status (RODS) current.** Top RODS violations to avoid include false reports, failure to have an electronic logging device (ELD) with instruction sheets when required, and failure to maintain blank RODS graph grids.
- 3. Stay drug free.** Inspectors will check for drugs, alcohol, weapons or other contraband. Remember, marijuana is still banned by federal law and therefore prohibited for truck drivers by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- 4. Stay well rested.** Inspectors will check for illness, fatigue or any other sign of impairment.
- 5. Keep your documents up to date,** including:

Mandatory:

- Driver's license or CDL
- Medical examiner's certificate
- Carrier ID and status (USDOT/NCS number or jurisdictional equivalent)



- Vehicle registration
- Proof of insurance
- Shipping papers/bills of lading

If applicable:

- Driver's daily vehicle inspection report
- Operating authority
- Fuel tax permits
- Annual periodic inspection sticker location
- Special permits
- Certificate for Mexico-domiciled motor carriers

During the Roadcheck, inspectors primarily will perform a North American Standard Level I inspection, which includes driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. The inspection also may include hazmat or dangerous goods. Once a driver and CMV pass inspection, CVSA will issue a decal.

Driver violations found may result in a driver being placed out of service until he or she can prove his or her age, produce a license, meet medical/physical requirements, recover from illness, refrain from alcohol or drugs, or verify his or her RODS.