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Introduction

UTAH TRUCKING GUIDE

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Motor carrier regulations can be complex. Your responsibilities extend beyond your business operations to the condition of your vehicles and the actions of your drivers and employees. That's why we have developed this guide. It explains the basic requirements to operate as a motor carrier in Utah, as well as additional resources to assist you. To determine if these regulations apply to you, review the [Get Started packet](#). If not, and you need clarification, please call 801-965-4892 (Get Started needs to be linked once it's been designed).



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The Motor Carrier Division (MCD) is committed to the advancement of highway safety by working with the commercial motor carrier industry to improve and enhance the safety of their operations. Our mission is to protect and preserve Utah's highway infrastructure, enhance safety, and facilitate commerce.

We accomplish this by focusing our resources primarily on at-risk carriers and shippers who pose the greatest threat to highway safety. We partner with other local, state and federal agencies and industry groups to meet our safety performance based goals and objectives, we make safety performance the main criteria in issuing operating and bypass credentials to motor carriers; and we work to streamline policies, procedures, and regulations to make our business standards more efficient.

The Motor Carrier Division works closely with the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) in administering and enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs). In conjunction with FMCSA, Motor Carrier Division Transportation Safety Investigators conduct on-site investigations and reviews of interstate/intrastate carrier and shipper records to ensure that the carrier or shipper has adequate safety controls in place. This guide will assist the motor carrier or shipper from being considered unfit, which may lead to severe penalties including a possible cease and desist order.

In addition, the Motor Carrier Division is responsible for implementing, administering and enforcing vehicle size, weight and load limitation regulations and policies. The Motor Carrier Division oversees the Port of Entry facilities that are located throughout the state.

In cooperation with the Utah Highway Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section, the Motor Carrier Division conducts roadside vehicle safety inspections on commercial motor vehicles traveling within the state. These efforts ensure carriers comply with applicable vehicle safety standards.

Additional Information Sources

State and federal statutes and rules govern your operations. For specific regulatory details, consult these references:

Utah Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws, including Motor Carrier Laws, (Utah Code Annotated Chapters 41, 53, and 72.) Utah Statutes will be referenced and identified, for example: UCA 72-9-401 (www.le.state.ut.us/~code/code.htm).

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 Parts 382, 383, 387, 390-397, and 40. The Code of Federal Regulations will be referenced and identified, for example: 49 CFR Part 391. (www.fmcsa.dot.gov/).

Hazardous Material Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 Parts 100-185.

Motor Carrier Division Administrative Rules as set forth under the Utah Administrative Rule Act Title 63.

R909 - Motor Carrier Safety Rules: (www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r909/r909.htm)

R912 - Ports of Entry Rules (www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r912/r912.htm)

Information published in this handbook does not change or override any current statute, rule, regulation or policy of the State of Utah, or of any department or agency. Nor does it relieve carriers of complying with current law.

Many sources were consulted in preparing this handbook, and every effort has been made to present the information accurately. It is intended only as a helpful resource to the applicable laws and rules, not as a substitute for them. For specific questions, please refer to the law and rules themselves.

This handbook has been prepared and published by the Utah Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Division. Any comments or corrections to its content should be forwarded to the MCD at (801) 965-4892, or by visiting mccustomerservice@utah.gov.