Cargo Theft Prevention Checklist

Load details

Carrier / driver / load reference

Pickup / destination / date

Dispatch security contact

Before pickup

- ☐ Confirm the shipper, broker, carrier, pickup number, and authorized driver through established channels.
- ☐ Independently verify unfamiliar carrier or broker contact information; investigate mismatches before release.
- ☐ Record tractor/trailer identifiers and seal number where applicable. Limit load information to authorized parties.

During the trip

- ☐ Plan secure parking and check-in arrangements appropriate to the load. Secure the vehicle when unattended.
- ☐ Check locks, seals, and trailer condition at safe stops. Report unexplained changes without disturbing possible evidence.
- ☐ Do not follow a new address, handoff, or tracking-link request solely because it arrived by text or email.

Before delivery or handoff

- ☐ Confirm changes through a known, independently verified contact and record the authorization.
- ☐ Match the receiving party and location to the verified instructions before releasing freight.
- ☐ If theft or a threat is suspected, protect people first, contact emergency services when needed, and notify dispatch and the cargo owner. Preserve messages and records.

Load-specific controls / concern / follow-up owner

FMCSA fraud prevention

Working resource. Confirm applicability and current requirements for your operation.