Truck Cab Documents & Emergency Equipment Checklist

Unit and review

Carrier / unit / trailer

Driver / date / reviewer

Driver and vehicle documents

- ☐ Carry the appropriate valid driver license and any medical certificate, variance, or other evidence required for the driver's status and operation.
- ☐ Confirm documentation of a current periodic inspection is on each applicable vehicle, including trailers. A qualifying inspection decal may serve as documentation.
- ☐ Check registration, cab card, insurance evidence, tax credentials, permits, lease documents, and shipping papers as required for this trip. Do not assume every vehicle requires IRP or IFTA.

For an ELD-equipped operation

- ☐ Have the ELD data-transfer instruction sheet and malfunction/backup-record instructions available onboard.
- ☐ Carry enough blank records-of-duty-status graph grids for at least eight days. Ensure the driver can display and transfer required records.

Emergency equipment and practical supplies

- ☐ Verify a charged, accessible, securely mounted fire extinguisher with the rating required for the operation; placarded hazmat requires at least 10 B:C.
- ☐ Confirm required warning devices are present and usable. Three compliant bidirectional reflective triangles are a standard option. Apply restrictions on flame-producing devices.
- ☐ Check company-specified PPE, flashlight, emergency contacts, and accident materials; label these as company or operation-specific items.

Missing item / responsible person / corrected before dispatch

The current federal ELD packet rule lists transfer instructions, malfunction instructions, and eight days of blank graph grids. Keep the device user guide available as a practical aid. Additional equipment or documents may be required for your operation.

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