



## TIPS FOR GETTING YOUR LICENSE FAST!

### IMPORTANT LINKS

Washington DOL: <http://dri.vg/f7b>

DOL CDL Information: <http://dri.vg/SNH>

DOL Appointments: <http://dri.vg/oR8>

Driver License Office Locations: <http://dri.vg/FSY>

Fees: <http://dri.vg/bKA>

### DOL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Valid Driver's License
- Medical Certificate: <http://dri.vg/YFS>
- Proof of Identity Documents:  
<http://dri.vg/kBp>

### TESTS YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE

General Knowledge  
Air Brakes (if applicable)  
Pre-Trip Inspection  
Basic Skills  
CDL Road Test  
Vision Exam

#### Applicable exams for desired endorsements:

- Hazardous Materials
- Tank Vehicles
- Passengers
- School Bus
- Double/Triple Trailers

Practice exam available online at:  
[www.TestQuestionsAndAnswers.com](http://www.TestQuestionsAndAnswers.com)

# DOL CHEATS and TIPS!

## WASHINGTON CDL TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS SAFELY CHEAT SHEET

### 1. Bus collisions most often happen:

- At intersections.

4 - Common Accidents

### 2. At railroad crossings, you do not have to stop, but must slow down and carefully check for other vehicles:

- At streetcar crossings.
- Where a policeman or flagman is directing traffic.
- If a traffic signal is green.
- At crossings marked as "exempt" or "abandoned."

4 - Railroad-highway Crossings Stops

### 3. In good weather, the posted speed on banked curves is:

- Safe for cars but it may be too high for many buses.

4 - Speed on Curves

### 4. There should be nothing in the aisle that:

- Might trip other riders.

4 - Loading and Trip Start





# **DO! CHEATS and TIPS!**

## **WASHINGTON CDL TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS SAFELY CHEAT SHEET**

### **5. If your bus is disabled:**

- **Do not tow or push a disabled bus with riders aboard the vehicle, unless getting off would be unsafe.**
- **Only tow or push the bus to the nearest safe spot to discharge passengers.**

4 - Prohibited Practices

### **6. Ensure your bus has the following emergency equipment required by law:**

- **Fire extinguisher.**
- **Emergency reflectors.**

4 - Roof Hatches

### **7. No rider may stand:**

- **Forward of the rear of the driver's seat.**

4 - Standee Line

### **8. Watch for diamond shaped labels and do not transport any hazardous material unless:**

- **You are sure the rules allow it.**

4 - Hazardous Materials

### **9. Buses must never carry:**

- **Division 2.3 poison gas, liquid Class 6 poison, tear gas, irritating material.**
- **More than 100 pounds of solid Class 6 poisons.**
- **Explosives in the space occupied by people, except small arms ammunition.**
- **Labeled radioactive materials in the space occupied by people.**
- **More than 500 pounds total of allowed hazardous materials, and no more than 100 pounds of any one class.**

4 - Forbidden Hazardous Materials

### **10. If the aisle is on a lower level than the seats:**

- **Remind riders of the step-down.**
- **It is best to tell them before coming to a complete stop.**

4 - At Your Destination



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### **11. When inspecting the interior of the bus, the following parts of your bus must be in safe working condition:**

- Each handhold and railing.
- Floor covering.
- Signaling devices, including the restroom emergency buzzer, if the bus has a restroom.
- Emergency exit handles.

4 - Inspecting Bus Interior

### **12. At railroad crossings:**

- Stop your bus between 15 and 50 feet before railroad crossings.
- Listen and look in both directions for trains. You should open your forward door if it improves your ability to see or hear an approaching train.
- Before crossing after a train has passed, make sure there isn't another train coming in the other direction on other tracks.
- If your bus has a manual transmission, never change gears while crossing the tracks.

4 - Railroad-highway Crossings Stops

### **13. When conducting a vehicle safety inspection, you should only sign the previous driver's report if:**

- Defects reported earlier have been certified as repaired or not needed to be repaired.

Vehicle Inspection

### **14. If your speed is too high on a curve:**

- With good traction, the bus may roll over.
- With poor traction, it might slide off the curve.

4 - Speed on Curves

### **15. Materials that are hazardous can be identified using the:**

- Federal Hazardous Materials Table.

4 - Hazardous Materials

### **16. To prevent possible injury to passengers:**

- Wait for them to sit down or brace themselves before starting.
- Starting and stopping should be as smooth as possible.



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4 - At Stops

**17. If they get off the bus, remind riders to:**

- Take carry-ons with them.

4 - At Your Destination

**18. Make sure these things are in good working order before driving:**

- Service brakes, including air hose couplings (if your bus has a trailer or semitrailer).
- Parking brake.
- Steering mechanism.
- Lights and reflectors.
- Tires (front wheels must not have recapped or regrooved tires).
- Horn.
- Windshield wiper or wipers.
- Rear-vision mirror or mirrors.
- Coupling devices (if present).
- Wheels and rims.
- Emergency equipment.

4 - Inspecting Vehicle Systems

**19. There are \_\_\_\_\_ different four-inch, diamond-shaped hazard labels.**

- Nine

4 - Hazardous Materials

**20. To prevent theft or vandalism of the bus:**

- Charter bus drivers should not allow riders on the bus until departure time.

4 - At Your Destination

**21. When arriving at the destination or intermediate stops announce:**

- The location.
- Reason for stopping.
- Next departure time.
- Bus number.



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**4 - At Your Destination**

### **22. Before the trip begins, mention rules about:**

- **Smoking.**
- **Drinking.**
- **Use of radio and tape players.**

**4 - On the Road - Passenger Supervision**

### **23. When scanning the interior of the bus, you may have to:**

- **Remind riders about rules, or to keep arms and heads inside the bus.**

**4 - On the Road - Passenger Supervision**

### **24. When approaching a drawbridge, you do not need to stop, but must slow down and make sure it's safe, when:**

- **There is a traffic light showing green.**
- **The bridge has an attendant or traffic officer who controls traffic whenever the bridge opens.**

**4 - Drawbridges**

### **25. Urban mass transit coaches may have a:**

- **Brake and accelerator interlock system.**

**4 - Use of Brake-door Interlocks**

### **26. Do not allow riders to leave carry-on baggage in:**

- **A doorway or aisle.**

**4 - Loading and Trip Start**

### **27. If you must discharge a drunk or disruptive rider:**

- **Don't discharge such riders where it would be unsafe.**
- **It may be safer at the next scheduled stop or a well-lighted area where there are other people.**



# **CDL CHEATS and TIPS!**

## **WASHINGTON CDL TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS SAFELY CHEAT SHEET**

4 - At Stops

### **28. The brake and accelerator interlock system:**

- **Applies the brakes and holds the throttle in idle position when the rear door is open.**

4 - Use of Brake-door Interlocks

### **29. Hazardous materials can pose a risk to:**

- **Health, safety, and property during transportation.**

4 - Hazardous Materials

### **30. Never drive with an:**

- **Open emergency exit door or window.**

4 - Inspecting Bus Interior

### **31. While driving, scan the:**

- **Interior of your bus.**
- **Road ahead.**
- **Sides.**
- **Rear.**

4 - On the Road - Passenger Supervision

### **32. Do not allow riders to carry on common hazards such as:**

- **Car batteries or gasoline.**

4 - Forbidden Hazardous Materials

### **33. If you work for an interstate carrier, you must complete a written inspection report for:**

- **Each bus driven.**

4 - After-trip Vehicle Inspection

### **34. At night or any other time you use your outside lights, you must turn on the:**

- **Red emergency door light.**



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4 - Inspecting Bus Interior

**35. The rules require shippers to mark containers of hazardous material with the material's:**

- Name.
- Identification number.
- Hazard label.

4 - Hazardous Materials

**36. When approaching curves:**

- Reduce your speed.

4 - Speed on Curves

**37. Some hazardous materials that buses may carry include:**

- Small-arms ammunition labeled ORM-D.
- Emergency hospital supplies and drugs.

4 - Forbidden Hazardous Materials

**38. Do not use the brake and accelerator interlock system:**

- In place of the parking brake.

4 - Use of Brake-door Interlocks

**39. A two inch line on the floor showing riders where they cannot stand is called the:**

- Standee line - All standing riders must stay behind it.

4 - Standee Line

**40. When inspecting the interior of the bus, ensure that:**

- The "Emergency Exit" sign on an emergency door is clearly visible.
- The red emergency door light works.

4 - Inspecting Bus Interior

**41. If a drawbridge does not have a signal light or traffic control attendant, you must:**

- Stop at least 50 feet before the draw of the bridge.





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- **Look to make sure the draw is completely closed before crossing.**

4 - Drawbridges

### **42. You must stop at drawbridges that do not have:**

- **A signal light or traffic control attendant.**

4 - Drawbridges

### **43. If your bus has emergency roof hatches:**

- **You may lock some emergency roof hatches in a partly open position for fresh air.**
- **Do not leave them open as a regular practice.**
- **Keep in mind the bus's higher clearance while driving with them open.**

4 - Roof Hatches

### **44. Bus drivers must have a commercial driver license if they drive a vehicle designed to seat more than:**

- **16 or more persons, including the driver.**

4 - Transporting Passengers Safely

### **45. The after trip vehicle inspection must:**

- **Specify each bus.**
- **List any defect that would affect safety or result in a breakdown.**
- **Specify if there are no defects.**

4 - After-trip Vehicle Inspection

### **46. When pulling out from a stop and merging with other traffic:**

- **Wait for the gap to open before leaving the stop.**
- **Never assume other drivers will brake to give you room when you signal or start to pull out.**

4 - Common Accidents

### **47. Secure baggage and freight in ways that avoid damage and:**

- **Allow the driver to move freely and easily.**
- **Allow riders to exit by any window or door in an emergency.**





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- **Protect riders from injury if carry-ons fall or shift.**

4 - Loading and Trip Start

**48. During the after trip inspection, mass transit drivers should make sure the following devices are working properly:**

- **Passenger signaling devices.**
- **Brake door interlocks.**

4 - After-trip Vehicle Inspection

**49. Buses designed to allow standing must have a:**

- **Two-inch line on the floor or some other means of showing riders where they cannot stand.**

4 - Standee Line