



Roadside Inspection Survival Guide

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What to Do When You're Pulled In:

1. Stay Calm & Professional

- Remove sunglasses
- Greet the officer politely
- Keep your attitude in check (even if they don't)

2. Have Your Documents Ready

- ✓ CDL
- ✓ Medical card
- ✓ Cab card (registration)
- ✓ IFTA license
- ✓ Proof of insurance
- ✓ ELD instructions & malfunction sheet
- ✓ Last 7-8 days of logs
- ✓ Previous inspection reports (DVIR)



Pro Tip: Keep everything in a labeled binder or document pouch behind your seat.

3. Know Your ELD

- Log in/out properly
- Display current logs on request
- Be able to **transfer logs** via Bluetooth/email
- Know what to do if the ELD malfunctions

4. Follow Instructions Exactly

- Pull in where directed

- Don't argue roadside — document everything, fight later
 - Ask questions politely if you don't understand something
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What Officers Are Looking For:

Driver Violations

- Missing/fake logs
- Hours of service violations
- Missing or expired medical card
- Drug/alcohol symptoms
- Seatbelt not used

Vehicle Violations

- Bad tires, brakes, or lights
 - Air leaks or fluid leaks
 - Load not secured
 - Expired/missing permits
 - Equipment not working (extinguisher, triangles)
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If You're Put Out of Service:

- **Don't move until cleared**
- **Fix the issue on site** (mobile mechanic or towed)
- **Log corrective actions**

- **Report to your company immediately**
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Bonus Tips:

- A clean cab = good first impression
 - Train for Level I (full inspection), expect Level III (driver-only)
 - Keep inspection-ready **every day**, not just when you “think” it’s coming
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