WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ***DON'T*** REGISTER?

You are breaking a Federal law if you are required to register and fail to do so. You will be subject to fines and penalties for failure to register.

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YOU NEED TO REGISTER FOR A USDOT NUMBER IF:

You are a carrier that operates a motor vehicle in interstate commerce (across State lines):

- that has a combined gross vehicle weight or weight rating of 10,001 lbs. or more

OR

- that is designed or used to transport 9-15 passengers (including the driver) for compensation

OR

- that is designed or used to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver) whether for compensation or not

OR

- that transports hazardous materials in quantities that require placarding under the hazardous materials regulations

YOU ALSO NEED TO REGISTER FOR OPERATING AUTHORITY IF:

- you transport passengers or property owned by others for compensation in interstate commerce

OR

- you arrange for the transportation of property owned by others for compensation in interstate commerce (e.g., as a broker or freight forwarder)

WHEN SHOULD YOU REGISTER?

You need to register before you begin using your vehicle for business.

HOW DO YOU REGISTER?

Go to www.fmcsa.dot.gov or call 1-800-832-5660

This brochure provides general guidance for operators of commercial motor vehicles. For specific requirements and exceptions to Federal regulations, contact FMCSA.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU REGISTER?

You will be considered a New Entrant motor carrier and will be subject to an 18-month monitoring period. During this time, an on-site safety audit of your operations will be performed to assess your safety performance and basic safety management controls.

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