

# Prepare Now for CVSA International Roadcheck 2026

## The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 2026 International Roadcheck is set for May 12-14.

During the 72-hour blitz, law enforcement personnel will check commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) at weigh stations, inspection stations and pop-up sites across North America.

Most inspectors will conduct the North American Standard Level I Inspection, a 37-step procedure that includes a driver exam and a vehicle check. Any violations can put drivers or vehicles out of service (OOS).

This year, inspectors will focus on these two common violations:

- **Electronic Logging Device (ELD) tampering.** This and other Hours of Service (HOS)-related infractions made up 5 of the top 10 most frequent driver-related violations during the 2025 Roadcheck.
- **Improper cargo securement.** Inspectors placed more than 34,000 vehicles OOS during Roadcheck 2025 for violations related to cargo and dunnage securement.

Use these tips to avoid these concerns and pass inspections confidently.

**Maintain accurate logs.** Inspectors will review your records of duty status (RODS) and look for false or manipulated entries. Red flags include unidentified miles, edits without notes, and mismatches between logs and fuel receipts, bills of lading or GPS data.

**Know how to transfer data.** Drivers must show that they can transfer RODS to the inspector using either web services/email or local transfer (USB or Bluetooth).

**Keep ELD devices connected.** Any offline or disconnected devices could signal to inspectors that drivers are attempting to manipulate records or conceal driving time.

**Carry paper backups.** Drivers must always keep an 8-day supply of blank paper logs on hand in case of an ELD malfunction.



**Brace and block cargo properly.** Immobilize and secure cargo so it cannot shift, leak, spill, blow off or fall from the vehicle or come loose.

**Check tie-downs for wear and damage.** Inspectors will check the condition of all tie-downs against defect tables for chain, wire rope, cordage, synthetic webbing, steel strapping, fittings or attachments, and anchor points.

**Use the proper number of tiedowns.** The minimum depends on the length and weight of your cargo.

**Check cargo and dunnage securement regulations.** Visit [fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations) to brush up on the latest rules and stay compliant.

**Put your best foot forward.** Conduct thorough pre- and post-trip inspections and report any violations to your carrier right away so they can be corrected. Keep your CDL and medical card handy. Always wear your seatbelt. And keep a positive attitude. Taking these steps can increase your likelihood of passing a roadside inspection.