

Acts safe Fact Sheet #9

TRANSPORTATION



Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Anyone who ships, receives or transports dangerous goods must have Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) certification. See <http://www.tc.gc.ca/tdg/menu.htm> for further information on TDG.

For your convenience, Acts safe offers the TDG course online. Contact us at 604.733.4682 or courses@actsafe.ca for more information or to register.

Transportation of Workers

Vehicles used to transport workers must be designed, maintained and operated in a safe manner. If a worker transportation vehicle is used off a highway, the seating requirements under Division 39 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations and the seat belt assembly requirements of Section 220 of the Motor Vehicle Act apply as if the vehicle were operated on a highway.

If workers are to travel in a worker transportation vehicle, the employer must ensure that:

- (a) reasonable measures are taken to evaluate road, weather and traffic conditions to ensure the safe transit of the workers,
- (b) an inspection of the worker transportation vehicle has been conducted by a qualified person (qualified person [personne qualifiée] - means, in respect of a specified duty, a person who, because of knowledge, training and experience, is qualified to perform that duty safely and properly.) before first use on a work shift, and
- (c) any defect which might affect the safety of workers is corrected before the vehicle is used.

The operator of a worker transportation vehicle must ensure that the worker transportation vehicle has been inspected by a qualified person before first use on a work shift. The operator must not operate a vehicle in which there is a worker who occupies a seating position for which a seat belt assembly is provided unless that worker is wearing the complete seat belt assembly in a properly adjusted and securely fastened manner.

Operators must be trained and fully licensed; the production should always verify and keep records of the type of license and validity of license required.

Additional Resources:

WorkSafeBC Regulation and Guidelines:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/Part17.as>

Transport Canada

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/en/menu.htm>

Motor Vehicle Act:

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/trafficcontrol/Motor_Vehicle_Act_&_Regs_Excerpts.pdf

British Columbia Trucking Association (logbooks and other information):

<http://www.bctrucking.com>