



# identifying a safe trucking company

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**It's in your best interest to make sure that you partner with a safe trucking company. But how do you check that they're safe? Before you choose, ask about their safety practices.**

Companies that offer vague answers or can't or won't provide any documentation may not be your best bet for a safe delivery. Do your homework and you won't be disappointed.



## **1. Request a WorkSafeBC clearance letter of the company online.**

A clearance letter lets you know that a responsible company is registered with WorkSafeBC and is up-to-date on payments. For more information, visit [www.worksafebc.com](http://www.worksafebc.com) and look under *insurance* for information on *Getting a Clearance Letter*.

## **2. Ask to see a trucking company's Certificate of Insurance.**

The certificate is usually a one-page document that shows the different types and amount of insurance that a company has. Check to see that the company has general liability, vehicle liability and cargo insurance.

## **3. Ask to see the company's Carrier Safety Plan.**

BC regulations require trucking companies to develop a Carrier Safety Plan. At a minimum, a Carrier Safety Plan must cover how a trucking company maintains its equipment and the steps it takes to employ safe drivers. Ask about the company's maintenance practices and how it screens and hires new drivers.

## **4. Ask to visit the company's terminal or office.**

You may be a novice about trucking, but visiting a company's place of business can tell you a lot about how it operates. Are the premises neat? Are staff courteous, friendly and knowledgeable?

## **5. Ask about the company's speed enforcement policy.**

Safe carriers will operate reasonable transit times over prescribed distances. In fact, many companies establish maximum speed policies for their drivers or employ technologies to physically prevent the truck from travelling faster than a maximum speed limit.

