

Is your Company Prepared in the event of an accident?

Companies that operate commercial motor vehicles need to prepare in advance for an accident that one of your vehicles may have.

Clear and Direct Plan

Companies need to have a clear and direct plan in place that will be implemented when an accident occurs. This plan needs to be <u>flexible</u> and can be activated no matter what time of the day or night.



When an accident occurs the company has a number of immediate items that need to be addressed:

- 1. The safety and protection of the driver and public.
- 2. Protecting the company's liability and physical damage exposure.
- 3. Provide information to Law Enforcement officials.
- 4. Control of progressive damage that may occur from the accident, including Hazardous material spills, cargo and the vehicles.
- 5. Compliance with State and Federal Regulations (such as drug and alcohol testing if required).
- 6. Documenting and protecting the physical evidence at the scene (Spoliation of evidence).
- 7. Securing witnesses to the accident.
- 8. Addressing the News Media and Social Media.
- 9. Having your vehicle towed to a safe and secure site.