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Tip #41 –

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I'm your host, David "Cabover" Kolman.

Let's talk pre-trip safety inspections and begin our discussion about the outside of the cab.

Commissioner D. O. "Spike" Helmick with the California Highway Patrol suggests that as a driver walks along the side of his truck during his daily vehicle inspection, he should make sure the mirrors are intact, secure, unbroken and clean.

Why bother?

Because a driver needs to clearly see what is around him and behind him.

Checking the mirrors - it's well worth your time.

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I'm your host, David "Cabover" Kolman.

Let's continue our discussion of pre-trip safety inspections and the outside of the cab.

Another area that needs attention says Commissioner D. O. "Spike" Helmick with the California Highway Patrol, is the cab's door handles. Drivers should check them to ensure that each handle is intact and that the door latches function properly.

Why bother?

Because in the event of an emergency, you want to be able to exit the truck cab quickly.

Checking the door handles - it's well worth your time.

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Let's talk pre-trip safety inspections and continue our discussion about the outside of cab area.

According to Colonel Kenneth Frost with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, drivers would be wise to examine the exhaust system for leaks, and make certain the system's components are properly secured.

Why bother?

Because most importantly, a leaking exhaust system may present a safety and health hazard. What's more, if an exhaust leak is discharging towards the fuel or electrical systems, the vehicle will be red-tagged and placed out of service.

Checking the exhaust system - it's well worth your time.

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Let's talk pre-trip safety inspections and continue on with our focus on the cab area.

Citing Federal Motor Vehicle Safety regulations, Colonel Kenneth Frost with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement notes that a commercial vehicle must have on-board emergency equipment consisting of 3 triangles, as well as one "gauged" 5 B,C fire extinguisher that is secured, accessible and charged.

These are items to check for during a pre-trip, Colonel Frost says.

Why bother?

Consider the consequences of grabbing the fire extinguisher for an emergency only to find it's empty.

Checking the on-board emergency equipment - it's well worth your time.

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Let's talk pre-trip safety inspections and continue our discussion about the cab area.

Captain Larry Marshall with Texas DPS License and Weight Division advises drivers to examine the fuel tanks, making certain they're in good condition and secured properly

Why bother?

Because the loss of a fuel tank due to improper securement may result in a fire, and may subject you and your employer to liability for spillage of a hazardous material and environmental contamination.

Checking the fuel tanks - it's well worth your time.

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Let's talk pre-trip safety inspections with more discussion about the cab area.

Along with checking fuel tank straps, Captain Larry Marshall with Texas DPS License and Weight Division recommends inspecting the condition of the fuel tanks themselves. This inspection should include bending down to observe the underside of the tanks and to look on the ground for evidence of leakage.

Why bother?

Because any amount of fuel dripping will result in the vehicle being placed out of service.

Checking for fuel tank leaks - it's well worth your time.

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Let's talk pre-trip safety inspections and continue on with our discussion about the cab area.

No fuel tank inspection is complete without making certain that the fuel cap is properly on and tightly sealed, says Officer Greg Harden with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.

Why bother?

Because fuel is too expensive to waste due to a loose or improperly tightened fuel cap. Besides, fuel leaks will result in the vehicle being placed out of service.

Checking the fuel cap - it's well worth your time.

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Let's talk pre-trip safety inspections and continue our discussion about the cab area.

The crossover line between the left and right fuel tanks also needs to be checked for leaks, wear and proper securement, maintains Officer Greg Harden with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.

Why bother?

Because an improperly secured crossover fuel line can become snagged or punctured by road debris. The result: a rapid loss of fuel and massive cleanup costs.

Checking the crossover fuel line - it's well worth your time.

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