

**BASIC #6**

**HAZMAT COMPLIANCE**

**FMSCR [397](#), [171](#), [172](#),  
[173](#), [178](#), [179](#) and [180](#)**

Effective December 2012, Hazardous Materials transportation was segregated as a stand-alone BASIC. This BASIC is defined as:

Unsafe handling of HM on a CMV - Example violations: leaking containers, improper placarding, improperly packaged HM.

- 1) Specifically address Hazmat Cargo, Loading and Unloading in the company Safety Policy; operating an improperly loaded vehicle can cause serious damage, injury or death and should be classified as a safety violation.
- 2) Obtain a fresh MVR on new hires within 30 days; verify that they have proper CDL endorsement(s) license for type of equipment operated and cargo transported (i.e. Tank, Hazmat, Combination Vehicle, Doubles/Triples).
- 3) Conduct new-hire in-cab orientation and check-ride (20 miles recommended) to verify ability to safely load cargo and operate equipment.
- 4) Provide education; invite DOT/CVSA to talk to your group (be sure management is in attendance); have managers attend a HAZMAT seminar or webinar; subscribe to industry associations (state trucking, industry segment, heavy haulers, etc.) and stay on mailing list to receive latest information to share with drivers and shippers on HAZMAT transportation.
- 5) Hazardous Material Haulers must train drivers in Hazmat Transportation and re-certify them at least every three (3) years; drivers must have shipping papers within arms reach; verify all paperwork and placards for accuracy, placement and visibility prior to moving the load; Hazmat Haulers must have a written enroute and facility security plan; observe all parking and driving rules/routes and detours; smoking and/or unattended vehicles are not allowed.

***Did you know? Three of the top Five Hazmat violations are for improper, missing or damaged placards.***