

## Internet resource list:

Code of Federal Regulations  
[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)

Federal Register  
[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/)

First Gov - U.S. Government's Office Web Portal  
[www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov)

Minnesota Department of Public Safety  
[www.dps.state.mn.us](http://www.dps.state.mn.us)

Minnesota Department of Transportation  
[www.dot.state.mn.us](http://www.dot.state.mn.us)

MnDOT Office of Freight and Commercial  
Vehicle Operations  
[www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

Northstar - (Minnesota State Government)  
[www.mn.gov](http://www.mn.gov)

Office of the Revisor of Statutes (Minnesota Laws  
and Rules)  
[www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us)

Transportation Safety Institute  
[www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov)

U.S. Code  
[uscode.house.gov](http://uscode.house.gov)

U.S. Department of Transportation  
[www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

## Contacts

Minnesota Department of  
Transportation  
Office of Freight and Commercial  
Vehicle Operations  
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St. Paul, MN 55155  
651-215-6330

Minnesota State Patrol  
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement  
1110 Centre Point Curve, Suite 410  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120  
651-405-6196



Motor carrier safety  
regulations for  
private motor  
carriers of  
passengers in  
Minnesota

## Are you a private motor carrier? Safety regulations:

Private carrier is a person engaged in the transportation of property or passengers by motor vehicle when:

1. The person transporting the property or passenger is engaged in a business other than transportation and
2. The transportation furthers a primary business, other than transportation, of that person.

Examples of private carriers include:

- companies that use buses to transport their own employees,
- professional musicians who use buses for concert tours,
- church,
- civic organizations,
- scout groups, and
- other charitable organizations that may purchase or lease buses for the transportation of their respective groups.

Minnesota does not distinguish between private and non-business carrier classifications.

## Safety regulations:

As a private motor carrier of passengers you are subject to the motor carrier safety regulations when using a vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds. Those regulations are found in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (as adopted by MN Statute 221.0314) and include:

- Part 382 Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing \*\*
- Part 383 Commercial Driver's License \*\*
- Part 391 Qualifications of Drivers
- Part 392 Driving of Commercial Motor Vehicles
- Part 393 Parts and Accessories
- Part 395 Driver's Hours of Service
- Part 396 Inspection, Repair and Maintenance

\*\* Only if the vehicle is designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the driver, or has a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds

Private carriers are not subject to:

- Minimum levels of financial responsibility
- Annual inspection by a certified mechanic, unless the GVWR is greater than 26,000 pounds or the vehicle is designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the driver.

Note: Handicapped accessible vehicles (regardless of size) must have the wheel chair securements annually inspected by the Minnesota State Patrol.

## Copies of the regulations:

A copy of the safety regulations can be obtained at a MnDOT Office or can be downloaded at:  
[mndot.gov/cvo/mcr/toc.html](http://mndot.gov/cvo/mcr/toc.html)

## Things to remember:

Private carriers operating vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds are required to obtain a US DOT number, even if you do not engage in interstate commerce. You are required to display your name and the US DOT number. It must be on both sides of the vehicle in contrasting colors and visible from 50 feet during daylight hours.

For more information go to [mndot.gov/cvo](http://mndot.gov/cvo).

Drivers (whether transporting passengers or not) are required to be medically examined and carry the medical examiner's certificate in their possession when operating the vehicle in Minnesota.

Private passenger carriers, subject to the safety regulations, are required to stop at railroad grade crossings when passengers are on board.