



What is a Safety-Sensitive Function?

A “safety-sensitive function” refers to all time from the point a driver begins to work or is required to be ready to work until the time he or she is relieved from work and all responsibilities for performing work.

Safety-sensitive functions include:

- All time at a motor carrier or shipper plant, terminal, facility, or other property, or on any public property, waiting to be dispatched, unless the driver has been relieved from duty by the motor carrier;
- All time inspecting equipment as required by Sec. 392.7 and Sec. 392.8 or otherwise inspecting, servicing, or conditioning any commercial motor vehicle at any time;
- All time spent at the driving controls of a commercial motor vehicle in operation;
- All time, other than driving time, in or upon any commercial motor vehicle except time resting in a sleeper berth;
- All time loading or unloading a commercial motor vehicle; supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading; attending a commercial motor vehicle being loaded or unloaded; remaining in readiness to operate the commercial motor vehicle; or in giving or receiving receipts for shipments loaded or unloaded; and
- All time repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled commercial motor vehicle.



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