**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DRIVER CHECKLIST**

**On the Road**

Be alert when driving. Look for vehicles following you, especially if there are three or more people in the car. If you believe you are being followed, call your dispatcher or 911 immediately.

When leaving your facility, be aware of any possible surveillance of your facility or your truck.

Do not discuss your cargo, destination, or trip specifics with people you do not know or on open channels.

When stopped at a traffic light or in traffic, be aware of anyone approaching your vehicle.

Make sure you have communication devices to contact your dispatcher and emergency officials. Carry a back-up, if possible.

**Stopping at Facilities**

Leave your truck in a secure parking lot or truck stop, if possible; if not, be certain someone can watch your vehicle.

Never leave your vehicle running with the keys in it; shut off the engine and lock the doors.

If possible, don’t stop in unsafe or high-crime areas.

Use seals or other methods to prevent and identify tampering.

Do not preload hazardous materials shipments without adequate security.

**Protecting Your Vehicle**

Use an engine kill switch.

Use tractor and trailer brake locking devices.

Check your electronic tracking system regularly, and notify your dispatcher when it is not working or tampering may have occurred.

If you drop a trailer, use a fifth wheel lock, whenever possible.

Perform a quick walk-around to check your vehicle for foreign objects after all stops.