

BASIC stands for Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Category.

BASICs are standards by which the FMCSA ranks carriers to determine how they place against other carriers in each category.

Currently there are 7 BASICs. Each of the 7 BASICs are outlined below.

BASIC Standards	Records That Should Be Kept
<p>Cargo Related</p> <p>The Cargo Related BASIC measures a carrier's ability to properly secure their cargo and therefore prevent spilled or dropped cargo, shifting loads and/or overloading.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Evidence of driver training on load securement ✦ HM training, incident reports shipping, security plans and Cargo Tank Manufacturer's Certificate
<p>Controlled Substances</p> <p>The Controlled Substances BASIC measures carrier's compliance with the FMCSA's alcohol/drug policy for drivers. This basic ALSO applies to abuses related to over the counter and prescription drugs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Evidence of positive controlled substance testing ✦ Evidence of periodic driver evaluations ✦ Evidence of refusals to take substance tests
<p>Crash Indicator</p> <p>The Crash Indicator BASIC measures the existence of any patterns and/or histories of crash involvement in relation to their frequency and severity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Accident reports from law enforcement agencies ✦ Carrier data from Accident Register
<p>Driver Fitness</p> <p>The Driver Fitness BASIC measures carrier's ability to drive a CMV by monitoring their training, experience and medical qualifications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Medical certificates ✦ Annual reviews including driver qualifications files ✦ State Driving records
<p>Fatigue Driving</p> <p>The Fatigue Driving BASIC measures a carrier's compliance with the FMCSA's mandate on Hours of Service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ RODS (Records of On-Duty Status) I.E. Logbooks ✦ Bills of lading, freight bills, dispatch records, gate records, weigh scale tickets and fuel receipts
<p>Unsafe Driving</p> <p>The Unsafe Driving BASIC measures a carrier's compliance to the rules of the road in regards to dangerous and careless driving.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Driving training certificates ✦ Written route plans (when transporting certain explosives)
<p>Vehicle Maintenance</p> <p>The Vehicle Maintenance BASIC measures a carrier's compliance with the FMCSA's rules on vehicle maintenance. These rules include the maintenance of mirrors, tires, brake lights and other general repairs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Vehicles maintenance records ✦ Roadside inspection records ✦ Driver Vehicle Inspection Reports (DVIRs) ✦ Accident reports

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