

Personal Conveyance Policy

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) recently issued some guidelines regarding personal conveyance (See FMCSA CFR Rule 395) for commercial drivers.

Per FMCSA, drivers can now legally use the personal conveyance even when pulling a loaded trailer, but there are specific guidelines on what is acceptable use of personal conveyance.

A driver can move from a customer location to the CLOSEST safe location to complete an off-duty period, providing the driver ran out of hours while being loaded/unloaded and was then forced to leave the premises.

If a driver is instructed by a law officer to move his/her vehicle during a break, he/she can do so without breaking his/her rest period. Again, a driver is permitted to move to the CLOSEST safe parking area and complete his/her rest break.

It is important to remember and keep in mind that the use of personal conveyance is NOT for company schedules and is not intended to extend a driver's workday.

As a result, a driver may NOT go off duty, then proceed to a customer location for loading/unloading, nor may a driver go from one customer location toward another customer location under personal conveyance. In addition, a driver may NOT use personal conveyance to go home if they have run out of hours. Personal conveyance may NOT be used by any driver placed Out of Service for violating the Hours of Service rules.

Personal conveyance does not reduce a driver's or a motor carrier's responsibility to operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle safely.

Per the FMCSA, the company may establish personal conveyance limitations. As a result, if a driver is required to use Personal Conveyance for the allowable reasons noted above, the Garner Trucking, Inc. (GTI) has established a maximum of 30 minutes to get to the CLOSEST safe-haven.

Failure to comply with Garner Trucking, Inc.'s Personal Conveyance policy shall be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including termination.

This policy may be changed, updated, and/or revoked without prior notice.