ACCIDENT REGISTER

49 CFR §390.15 · REQUIREMENTS & REGISTER · PRINT DOUBLE-SIDED

Motor carriers are required to maintain a register of all DOT recordable accidents as defined in §390.5T(1) for **3 years after the date of each accident.** 49 CFR §390.15(B)

THE REGISTER MUST CONTAIN A MINIMUM OF THE FOLLOWING

- ☐ Date & hour
- ☐ Location — street, city, & state
- ☐ Number of fatalities
- ☐ Number of non-fatal injuries
- ☐ Hazmat involved?
- ☐ Driver's name
- ☐ Copy of state or insurance report

§390.5T(1) — DOT RECORDABLE ACCIDENT DEFINITION

An occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate or intrastate commerce which results in:

I. A **fatality**;

II. **Bodily injury** to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident; or

III. One or more motor vehicles incurring **disabling damage** as a result of the accident, requiring the motor vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASES

If a crash involves the release of hazardous materials — other than fuel spilled from the fuel tanks of motor vehicles involved in the crash — carriers must complete a hazardous incident report. See **49 CFR 171.15** and **49 CFR 171.16** for further details.

Record every qualifying accident on the register (reverse side) and pair each entry with the MIG Auto Accident Report Form and Post-Accident Testing Decision Chart.

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Log every DOT-recordable accident here (definition on reverse). Retain each entry for 3 years. Fault does not matter. FMCSA reviews this register in new entrant audits and compliance reviews.

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DATE & HOUR	LOCATION (STREET, CITY, STATE)	DRIVER NAME	# INJURIES	# FATALITIES	HAZMAT RELEASED? (Y/N)*	TEST DETERM. MADE? (Y/N)†	REPORTS ATTACHED? (Y/N)

* Hazardous materials released, other than fuel spilled from the fuel tanks of vehicles involved in the accident.

† Post-accident drug & alcohol testing determination completed and documented — see the MIG Post-Accident Testing Decision Chart (§382.303).

Pair every entry with: the completed MIG Auto Accident Report Form, the police report, and photos.

COMPANY NAME / USDOT # _____

REGISTER MAINTAINED BY _____

PERIOD COVERED _____

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REMINDER: All Auto Liability claims must be reported directly to the provider — regardless of fault or severity.