

# Your bus passed an inspection. *That's important.*

## The vehicle you are on and its driver just passed an ODOT inspection. This means:

- Your driver has been verified as qualified to drive.
- Your driver is operating within the hours limitations set by the FMCSA.
- The company's paperwork, registration, licensing, insurance and authority is in order.

## Look for the CVSA Decal

A CVSA decal means your bus has passed a full ODOT mechanical inspection and that no major violations were found. You can also tell when your coach was last inspected. The number indicates the year: A "3" means the vehicle was inspected in 2013. The color indicates in which quarter the bus was inspected.

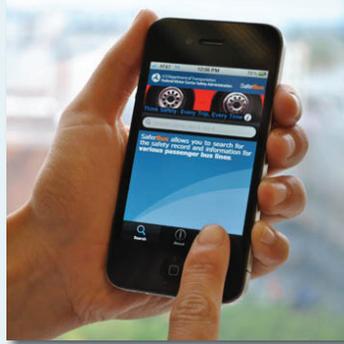
- GREEN: 1st quarter
- YELLOW: 2nd quarter
- ORANGE: 3rd quarter
- WHITE: 4th quarter



## Use the SaferBus app to check the safety record of the carrier you are choosing

There's more to consider than just price and convenience. If you are purchasing a bus ticket or hiring a bus company for your group's travel, safety should be the top priority. Don't risk your life or the lives of others by making an uninformed decision.

Now, with the **free SaferBus** app, users can easily access a bus company's safety performance record; file a complaint and more from a mobile device.



The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has developed the SaferBus mobile application to provide 24/7 access to important safety information that you should verify before you select a USDOT registered bus company to transport you or members of your group.

**Don't take a chance. Look before you book!**



Your best **BUS TRIP** planning resource!

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



# Destination **BUS** Inspections



## When traveling by bus, getting to your destination safely is most important.

Bus operations are regulated by the Oregon Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Transportation Division (ODOT MCTD) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). As the state agency responsible for safety oversight of commercial motor vehicle operations, ODOT MCTD enforces and administers applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Companies that operate buses, and their drivers, are subject to inspection by federal, state and local authorities. A violation of a law or regulation could result in a fine or penalty. Vehicles and drivers may be placed out of service.

ODOT MCTD's goal is to keep Oregon's roads safe. We are here to provide the necessary information on today's safety regulations. If you have any questions, please call us at 503-378-6963 or visit our web page at:

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT)

## Generally, an interstate, for-hire passenger carrier that operates a motorcoach MUST:

- Have both a USDOT number and operating authority registration from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)—the federal government agency responsible for the enforcement of laws relating to commercial motor vehicles.
- Maintain insurance coverage of at least \$5 million.
- Provide accessible motorcoach service, using buses equipped with wheelchair lifts and securement areas for individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation ADA regulations.

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### Online Resources:

- **FMCSA "Look Before You Book" Bus Guide**  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/pcs/Index.aspx](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/pcs/Index.aspx)
- **Find a passenger carrier's safety rating**  
[www.safersys.org](http://www.safersys.org)
- **Oregon Commercial Carrier Information**  
[www.oregontruckingonline.com](http://www.oregontruckingonline.com)

## Other important considerations in choosing a passenger carrier:

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**SAFETY RATING:** FMCSA issues three types of ratings:

- Satisfactory
- Conditional
- Unsatisfactory

A **Satisfactory** rating is the best rating. Bus companies with a **Conditional** rating may pose a higher safety risk. Bus companies with an **Unsatisfactory** rating should not be operating. A company with a less than satisfactory safety rating does not have adequate safety management controls to ensure compliance with the FMCSA safety fitness standards. Bus companies without a rating have not had their operations evaluated against FMCSA's safety fitness standards.

**SAFETY PERFORMANCE:** FMCSA measures the safety performance of bus companies in key safety and compliance areas as part of the agency's Safety Measurement System (SMS). This system provides an assessment of a motor carrier's safety and compliance performance in the form of Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories, or BASICs. A symbol (!) displayed in a BASIC indicates the company has fallen below a safety threshold which may cause the company to be prioritized for further monitoring.