# SAFETY CHECKLIST



#### **BE SEEN**

- SMV signs are required on any vehicle designed to travel under 25 mph, hung 2'-10' from ground.
- Check that required lights and warning flashers are on: 2 front head lamps; 2 rear red lamps and 2 red reflectors; 1 white or amber lamp on far left side.
- Turn off rear facing work lights.
- Keep it clean. Dust severely decreases how well sign reflects and lights shine.

### BE ROAD READY

- Check that tires are inflated to maximum recommended pressure and fasteners are tight.
- Lock brake pedals together for straight-line stops.
- If towing, make sure load doesn't hide lights and warning devices.
- Adjust mirrors for clear vision.
- Buckle in and wear sunglasses on sunny days to cut down glare.



## PLAN YOUR PATH

- Check that route conditions are clear. Stay up-to-date on weather, road maintenance, detours and single lanes.
- Check for power lines and bridges, particularly if towing equipment.
- SMVs don't officially have the right to cross the center line. Take an alternate path to avoid narrow roads.
- Have an escort vehicle to warn traffic of wide, slow moving vehicle ahead.



#### DRIVE SMART

- Avoid busy times of the day.
- Look out for hazards such as soft shoulders, blind spots, ruts, loose gravel, and potholes.
- Stay alert. Don't operate a vehicle if you aren't at your best.
- Follow the rules, including all traffic laws on speed, signaling, signage, allowing other traffic to pass and not using cell phone.
- Be watchful of others. Your best manners is the first safe practice to follow.











