

Exercise - Vehicle inspections

1. Seven-step pre-trip walk through.

Content: The objective of this exercise is to give your students hands-on, practical experience in following the seven-step inspection method.

Instructions: Divide your class into groups of three or four. Have each group conduct a pre-trip inspection following the seven-step method on one of your company's vehicles. When setting up the exercise you may want to "plant" one or two of the defects. Consider "planting" defects that your drivers often overlook when conducting a pre-trip inspection.

Once the groups have concluded their inspections open the session to discussion. Ask the drivers what defects or deficiencies (if any) they found. Also ask them if they would have found those defects by using a method other than the seven-step method.