

TRANSPORTING CARGO



You are responsible for making sure your vehicle is not overweight. As part of your pre-trip inspection, you need to check for overloads, poorly balanced weight and cargo that is not secured properly. As company policy, North American Transport services dictates you should always notify your dispatcher if your GVW is more than 80,000 or if your axle weights are off. Your vehicle can be damaged by an overload and steering is greatly affected and makes it more difficult to control when it's improperly loaded.

Inspect the cargo before closing your doors and secure the load to prevent shifting during transportation. Whether you loaded the trailer or not, you are responsible for:

- Inspecting the cargo
- Recognizing overloads and poorly balanced weight.
- Ensuring the cargo is properly contained by using straps or load locks to prevent shifting.

Federal, state and local regulations of weight and truck routes vary greatly from state to state, please make sure you know the regulations where you will be driving and carry a copy of the axle weight settings per state provided by the company.