

In truck crash litigation, it is important to immediately secure all evidence that may otherwise be lost, destroyed, or unavailable later. For example, the FMCSR requires all drivers to complete a log book (also known as Record of Duty Status) to document the number of hours the driver has operated the truck, been off duty, and been on duty but not driving. The FMCSR established timetables for drivers to file records with the motor carrier within 13 days of completing the approved log or form.<sup>(31)</sup> The driver's home terminal must keep the log book until the 20th day of the next calendar month. The book is then forwarded to the carrier's principal place of business and retained for six months.<sup>(32)</sup>