

## Logbooks and Medical cards

### INTERSTATE

If the Limo is defined as a CMV, the driver will need to complete a log book and have a federal medical card.

### INTRASTATE

Logbooks and medical cards are not needed until the Limo is over 26,000 lbs GVWR/GVCWR or designed to carry 16 or more passengers including the driver.



## ANNUAL INSPECTION

All motor buses in Wisconsin are required to be inspected on an annual basis by the State Patrol. The inspection fee is \$30. An inspection decal is issued and required to be displayed when the motor bus passes an inspection.

It is the responsibility of the carrier to contact the State Patrol to set up an inspection appointment. It is illegal to operate on the highway a motor bus that has not been inspected within the past 12 months.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Annual inspection appointments**  
contact the Wisconsin State Patrol  
office for you area.

### DeForest

608-846-8500

### Waukesha

262-785-4700

### Fond du Lac

920-929-3700

### Wausau

715-845-1143

### Tomah

608-374-0513

### Eau Claire

715-839-3800

### Spooner

715-635-2141



## QUESTIONS?

Call the  
Motor Carrier Enforcement  
Information System

**608-267-9762**



IS IT  
A  
CAR

OR

A  
BUS?

Registration, Driver's License and  
Inspection Information for  
Owners and Operators of  
Limousines



The limousine industry has changed in recent years. Vehicles are becoming larger. The laws covering these vehicles are not new. As the vehicles grew in size they also grew into a different set of laws

Chapter 340.01(4)a defines an automobile as:

*A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for carrying persons but which does not come within the definition of a **motor bus**, motorcycle, moped or motor bicycle.*

341.01(30) defines a motorbus as:

*A motor vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of persons rather than property and having a **passenger-carrying capacity of 16 or more persons, including the operator**. Passenger-carrying capacity shall be determined by dividing by 20 the total seating space measured in inches.*

**If your Limo carries 16 or more people including the driver it is considered a bus.**

### Registration Requirements

#### Automobile Category

Auto plates - \$55/year

#### Motorbus Category

Bus Plate based on total weight of vehicle and passengers.

Example: 10,000 lbs plate is \$119.50 a year

### Driver's License Requirements

If the vehicle is under 26,000 lbs (GVWR/GVCWR/Actual Weight/Registered Weight ) and less than 16 passengers including the driver - **A valid class D driver's license is required.**

If the vehicle is 26,001 lbs. or more (GVWR/GVCWR/Actual Weight Registered Weight) or a vehicle that is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver- **A CDL with "P" (passenger) endorsement is required.**

Operating a CMV without the proper CDL and endorsement is a criminal traffic offense. Law enforcement must immediately remove the driver from service.

## FEDERAL REGULATIONS

**Commercial motor vehicle (CMV)** - any motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle—

- Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of 10,001 lbs. or more *or*
- Is designed or used to transport more than **8 passengers** (including the driver) **for compensation**; *or*
- Is designed or used to transport more than **15 passengers** (including the driver) and is **not for compensation**; *or*
- Placardable amount of HAZMAT

### USDOT Numbers

All CMV's must display a USDOT number and the carrier name on both sides of the vehicle. The name and number must be visible from 50 feet away.

The registration and number are free. Registration can be made online or a paper form can be requested by phone.

[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)  
1-800-832-5660

### SOME OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS FOR CMV'S

- Driver's files
- Road tests
- Annual driver record review
- Annual inspection and maintenance records
- Illegal to use or possess a radar detector