



Broker Risk Check

A 2-Minute Safety Check Before You Haul

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You haul the load. You burn the fuel. You deliver on time.

Then payment takes 45–90 days... or never comes. Check the broker before you agree to haul.

STEP 01 Verify the Broker — Good Signs

If most of these apply, the broker is likely legitimate and organized.

- The broker's MC number and authority are active
- Operating for at least one year
- Consistent contact info — phone, email, and office
- Reasonable credit history
- Average days to pay are normal (not extremely slow)
- Other carriers report getting paid consistently
- Rate confirmation clearly lists payment terms
- Billing contact information is included
- Paperwork requirements are clear

These checks confirm the broker is operating normally.

STEP 02 Watch for Warning Signs

These don't always mean fraud — but they should make you slow down.

- Rate seems unusually high for the lane
- Paperwork sent through unusual channels (text, personal email)
- Broker rushed you to accept the load quickly
- Broker is very new or hard to find information on
- Multiple payment complaints from other carriers

The Simple Rule

Before you haul a load, take two minutes to check the broker. A quick review can prevent weeks of chasing payment later.

One More Tip

Many carriers use a factoring company not just for faster pay — but because they check broker credit and payment history every day.

CarrierNet runs broker credit checks free for their clients.