

Critical Defect - Enhanced License Plate Removal (ELPR) Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement (CVSE) Branch

The Goal: To remove unsafe Commercial Vehicles from operation until such time as Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement is satisfied the vehicle is safe and will be maintained in safe operating condition.

Owner and Operator Responsibilities:

All commercial vehicles must be operated on BC highways in safe condition.

Owners and operators must follow practices and procedures necessary to ensure compliance with the British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act and Regulations which includes Division 37, the National Safety Code. Conducting proper pre-trip inspections and repairing or correcting items that affect the safe operation of the vehicle will reduce the likelihood of a vehicle being placed Out of Service or fall within the Enhanced License Plate Removal program.

If a vehicle is inspected by a Peace Officer and it is found to fall into the Critical Defect - ELPR Criteria, the vehicle license plates will be removed and returned to the issuing agency. The registered owner **will not** be able to relicense or operate the vehicle on a highway until:

1. The vehicle passes an inspection at a Designated Inspection Facility,
2. CVSE Branch receives written confirmation that all repairs have been made, indicating who made the repairs, and
3. The Registered Owner/Carrier provides a maintenance plan indicating how they will prevent the vehicle from falling into a similar state of disrepair.

When the Director of CVSE or his designate is satisfied the vehicle is safe and the registered owner/carrier has sufficient safety practices in place to ensure the vehicle will be maintained in safe operating condition, the registered owner will be able to relicense the vehicle.

Critical Defects for ELPR apply to the following mechanical components:

- Brakes
- Coupling devices
- Exhaust system
- Frames
- Fuel system
- Lighting devices
- Steering mechanism
- Suspension
- Tires
- Wheels/Rims
- Hubs