

BC commercial dashcam mandate



Compliance is the minimum. Smarter fleets aim higher.

The Dashboard Cameras in Commercial Vehicles Act (Bill M217) will require most commercial trucks operating on British Columbia highways to carry a forward-facing dashcam recording while in operation.

What fleets need to know:

THE LAW — BILL M217

- Passed third reading May 26, 2026 — unanimous, bipartisan support
- Comes into force 6 months after Royal Assent — clock is running now
- BC becomes the first Canadian jurisdiction to mandate commercial dashcams
- Applies to large commercial vehicles operating on BC highways

MINIMUM SPEC:



Forward-facing camera



Continuous recording



1080p resolution



72-hour retention



Night vision

What's at stake?

RISK	WHAT'S AT STAKE WITHOUT FULL VISIBILITY
Liability exposure	Without video evidence, fleets may struggle to establish fault, defend drivers, or resolve disputed claims.
Preventable incidents	Distracted driving, fatigue, speeding and other risky behaviours often go unnoticed until after a collision occurs.
Rising claims costs	Insurance claims, legal expenses, repairs and downtime can quickly escalate following an incident.
Operational disruption	Investigations, vehicle downtime, and driver shortages can impact productivity and customer service.
Compliance pressure	Waiting until the last minute can create deployment challenges, installation bottlenecks and operational strain.

Why it matters?

75-80%

of commercial vehicle collisions are **NOT** caused by the truck driver.

Without objective video evidence, proving that can be difficult.

— BC Trucking Association

THE REAL RISK TO YOUR FLEET



A forward-only dashcam records what's in front — sideswipes happen on the sides.



Staged collision fraud is up **400% YoY** in Canada* — and fraud hits from all angles.



Insurance premium disputes require full-scene evidence, not partial footage.



Compliance protects the business from regulators. Full 360-degree visibility protects them from everyone else.

*Source: Aviva Canada

COMPLIANCE JOURNEY



For many fleets, compliance is the first step toward a broader fleet safety strategy. Growing insurance pressures, complex claims disputes and the rise of staged incidents make video evidence a business necessity — not just a compliance nicety. Fleets without it risk financial exposure, failed driver exoneration and delayed claims resolution.

Protecting your fleet with AI-powered video


A road-facing camera helps meet the minimum requirement — it doesn't protect your fleet. By integrating AI-powered video intelligence, telematics and operational data into a single platform, **Powerfleet's AI-powered video solutions** help fleets move beyond compliance toward incident prevention.

FORWARD ONLY		FORWARD + DRIVER		FULL 360-DEGREE	
Meets minimum mandate		VisionAI Hub		Vision 360 / 360 Plus	
✓	Records what's ahead of the truck	✓	Mandate-compliant road-facing + driver-facing AI video recording	✓	Full 360-degree coverage: forward, driver, blind spots, rear
✗	No coverage for staged collision fraud or driver distraction	✓	Detects fatigue, phone use, distraction with real-time in-cab alerts for in-the moment coaching	✓	Complete incident documentation from every angle plus real-time, AI-powered driver coaching and built-in telematics
✗	No coverage for sideswipes or blind spots	✗	No coverage for sideswipes or blind spots	✓	Sideswipes, rear impacts, staged fraud: all captured

Compliance captures what happened. **VisionAI Hub** and **Vision 360 Plus** help prevent what happens next.

Turn compliance into a competitive advantage


Powerfleet's AI-powered video solutions help fleets get more out of their investment by:




Reducing collisions by up to **60%***




Improving driver coaching & performance




Reducing risk exposure



Lowering insurance costs by up to **25%***



Building a proactive safety culture



Gaining full visibility across your operations

*Based on Powerfleet customer data

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