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**§ 381.505 What are the minimum elements required for a pilot program?**

**(a)** **Safety measures.** Before granting exemptions for a pilot program, the FMCSA will ensure that the safety measures in a pilot program are designed to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be achieved by complying with the regulations.

**(b)** **Pilot program plan.** Before initiating a pilot program, the FMCSA will ensure that there is a pilot program plan which includes the following elements:

**(1)** A scheduled duration of three years or less;

**(2)** A specific data collection and [safety analysis](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=741392acdafa3eaef29c2bf310b749c8&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:381:Subpart:E:381.505) plan that identifies a method of comparing the safety performance for motor carriers, CMVs, and [drivers](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=20a0a37c3d2ca80c127b9b73378dba6b&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:381:Subpart:E:381.505) operating under the terms and conditions of the pilot program, with the safety performance of motor carriers, CMVs, and [drivers](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=20a0a37c3d2ca80c127b9b73378dba6b&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:381:Subpart:E:381.505) that comply with the regulation;

**(3)** A reasonable number of participants necessary to yield statistically valid findings;

**(4)** A monitoring plan to ensure that participants comply with the terms and conditions of participation in the pilot program;

**(5)** Adequate safeguards to protect the health and safety of study participants and the general public; and

**(6)** A plan to inform the [States](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15a96cee63cfd9f1f742ac9d0b6b3783&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:381:Subpart:E:381.505) and the public about the pilot program and to identify approved participants to enforcement personnel and the general public.