Do You Know the Responsibilities for Your Role?

Consignors:
- Prepare dangerous goods shipments for transport. They can be manufacturers, importers, and exporters.
- In the shipping documents, they're the person or company who has possession of the dangerous goods before they're shipped.
- Consignors are responsible for:
  - Ensuring safety marks are displayed on both small and large means of containment before carriers take possession of them.
  - Ensuring carriers have shipping documents for goods imported into Canada before they arrive.
  - Completing the shipping document (electronic or paper, in agreement with the carrier).
  - Classifying the dangerous goods with shipping name and UN number.
  - Selecting secure packaging and containers to mitigate the risks of spills or leaks.

Carriers:
- Are the people who take possession of the dangerous goods and transport them from and between the shippers.
- Carriers are responsible for:
  - Ensuring the dangerous goods safety marks remain displayed on both small and large means of containment while in transport.
  - Carrying the shipping document along with the goods (in locations specified by sections 3.7-3.10 of the TDG regulations) and ensuring that the goods and their shipping documents remain in their possession until they are handed over to a consignee or another carrier.
  - Giving the consignee or new carrier a new shipping document or a copy of the same documents in a different form.

Inspectors:
- Are usually government officials. They can be police officers, weigh scale operators, or full-time dangerous goods inspectors.
- Their main concern is whether your employer is in regulatory compliance, or not.
- Inspectors are responsible for:
  - Searching shipments.
  - Taking samples.
  - Making copies of documents.
  - Seizing and Field of documents.
  - Refusing the entry of a dangerous goods shipment across the Canadian border.

Learn more about how to enact your TDG responsibilities in SafetyVantage's Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) course.