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Six Tips for Road Safety



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Commercial drivers keep our economy running smoothly. When sharing the road with drivers and the tractor-trailers they drive, follow these simple tips to help make our roads safer for everyone.

(Some of them might surprise you)!

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#1

Never cut off a truck.

Fully loaded trucks can weigh over 80,000 pounds. Even in ideal conditions, coming to a complete stop can take the length of two football fields at highway speeds. For comparison, most cars only weigh about 4,000 pounds and can stop in less than one football field.

#2

No lingering.

There are four large blind spots, known as “No Zones,” around trucks where the view can be obstructed making it difficult for a driver to see you.

#3

Pass expeditiously.

Pass expeditiously and change lanes only when you can see both truck headlights in your rear-view mirror. Avoid passing on the right; a truck’s blind spot runs the length of the trailer and extends out three lanes.

#4

Keep a safe following distance.

When driving behind a truck, keep a safe following distance to make sure that the driver of the truck knows that you are there. A good rule of thumb is, “if you can’t see the mirrors, the driver can’t see you.”

#5

Be patient.

Many trucks are governed at similar top speeds. Load weights, road grades, and gear ratios all affect their passing ability. Please be patient and give them space.

#6

Give ‘em space and time.

Allow trucks adequate space to maneuver. They make wide turns at intersections and require additional space and time to make maneuvers.

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