

NO ZONES

There are four “No Zones” that every truck has and that every automobile driver should avoid:

- Left side just behind the cab
- Right side just behind the cab
- Too close in front
- Too close in back

Your car is invisible in the “No Zones.” That means trouble if the truck driver does not know you are there and tries to change lanes or has to stop suddenly. To stay out of these four “No Zones,” make your car visible – either pull ahead or drop back so the truck driver can see you. Remember, if you cannot see the truck driver’s mirrors, he or she probably cannot see you.

STAY AWAKE

Research shows that fatigue is a major contributing factor in serious accidents. It is important to start each trip well rested. If you feel drowsy, find a place to stop, stretch and get some fresh air. If you believe you suffer from a sleep disorder, see your doctor.

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- Reducing regulatory requirements when appropriate
- Preserving the infrastructure
- Enhancing private/public partnerships
- Fostering effective two-way communication

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SAFETY HOT LINES

(To report when you see poor driving)

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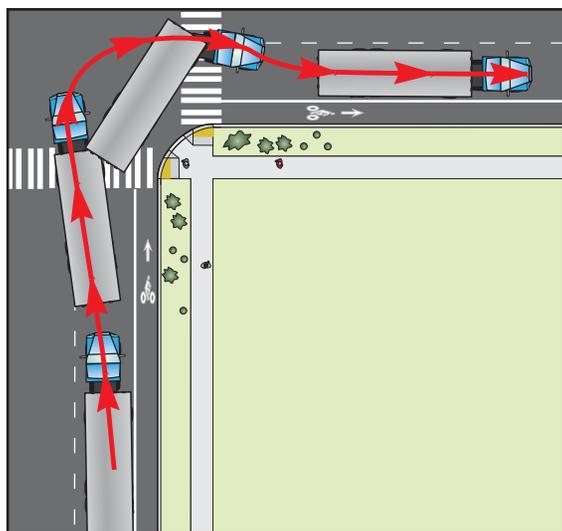


YOU ARE ENTERING...



TRUCKS MAKE WIDE RIGHT TURNS

Truck drivers need to swing wide into the left lane before they can bring the truck around into the right lane. This keeps the trailer off the curb and away from pedestrians, light poles and fire hydrants. Avoid the open space to the right of the truck while it is turning; you could be crushed. Stay back and wait for the truck to complete its turn.



STAY BEHIND THE STOPPING LINES

The wide lines at an intersection have been carefully measured to give trucks the radius they need to turn safely. If you are over the stop line, you are in the oncoming truck's turning space. Be courteous and give truck drivers plenty of room to maneuver.

FOLLOWING DISTANCE

To share the road safely, avoid driving directly behind a truck. Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you at all times. At a minimum, always follow the 2-second rule and ensure that you can see the truck's side-view mirrors. This gives you a better view of the road and enough room to anticipate and avoid problems.

MERGING

When merging onto an expressway, follow these simple tips:

PICK YOUR SPOT

Look for an open area. Pick a spot that gives you plenty of space in front of and behind your car.

GET UP TO SPEED

To enter the freeway, accelerate quickly to the speed of traffic. Slowing down on entrance ramps makes entering the expressway extremely dangerous for everyone.

GO WITH THE FLOW

Make sure you are moving at the speed of traffic when you enter the freeway and keep moving. Don't immediately slow down or speed up. This way traffic can adjust to you.

PASSING

To pass a truck safely, follow these steps:

PICK YOUR SPOT

Passing a truck safely means passing quickly. Wait for a legal passing zone or clear passing lane before attempting to pass.

LET THE TRUCK DRIVER KNOW

When you are ready to pass, use your left turn signal to indicate your intentions. Normally, truck drivers will make it easier for you by staying to the far side of the lane.

COMPLETE THE PASS QUICKLY

When you can see both headlights of the truck in your rearview mirror, it's safe to return to your lane. Let the truck driver know you are ready to return by using your right turn signal.



MAINTAIN YOUR SPEED

Keep a safe distance between your car and the truck you pass. Do not slow down after you pass. Remember, an 80,000 pound truck cannot slow down as fast as your car.