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Truck and Bus Driver Safety

These tips can help truck and bus drivers make a plan for road safety:

- 1 Check Your Blind Spots**
Check mirrors every 8-10 seconds to watch for vehicles entering blind spots. Scan ahead a quarter mile on interstates, or one to two blocks in cities for traffic issues, work zones, and other dangers.
- 2 Be Aware of Long Stopping Distances**
Large trucks and buses need the length of up to two football fields to stop. Driving too fast for weather or road conditions or failing to slow down for curves or ramps create risks for rollovers, as well as crashes.
- 3 Make Wide Turns Carefully**
Trucks and buses need extra space and time to make wide, careful turns. Make turns carefully and signal appropriately.
- 4 Always Buckle Up**
Wear your seat belt every time you drive or ride. Seat belts can save lives, reduce injuries, and allow drivers to stay inside and control their vehicles in the event of a crash.
- 5 Drive at a Safe Speed**
The size and weight of trucks and buses increase driving challenges, including acceleration, braking, and maneuverability. Drive at a safe speed and never drive above the speed limit.



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6 Stay Focused and Avoid Distracted Driving

- Don't drive when you're fatigued, sick, or using medications that make you drowsy or dizzy.
- Do not text while driving. Use of mobile phones must be hands-free.
- Do not eat, drink, read maps, or any other activity that takes your focus off the road.
- If you must attend to an activity other than driving, exit the highway or pull over.

7 Always Use Your Signal

Use your signals. If you must pull off the road, use flashers, reflective triangles, and/or road flares to alert approaching drivers.

8 Maintain Your Vehicle

Make sure pre-trip safety inspections are complete before hitting the road, particularly for tires and brakes. Check that your load is well-balanced and secure, as a shifting load can cause a rollover or loss of control. Loose materials can create road hazards.

9 Practice Work Zone Safety

Work zones present many hazards, like lane shifts, sudden stops, uneven road surfaces, moving workers and equipment, and more. Unfortunately, fatal work zone crashes continue to rise – so it's vital to take work zone safety seriously:

- Slow down, maintain extra following space, and be prepared to stop.
- Obey all work zone signs and signals.
- Scan ahead for changing traffic patterns, and be alert to vehicles entering your blind spots.
- Keep a sharp eye out for road workers and flag crews.