A semi’s height (up to 14’), length and weight make it nearly impossible for the driver to make tight turns like regular cars and trucks. A fully-loaded truck also has a much higher center of gravity than typical passenger vehicles and SUVs, making it easier for a truck to tip over. To avoid this situation, and to avoid driving over curbs and sidewalks, truck drivers usually move into adjacent lanes or swing wide prior to and after a turning maneuver.

Sneaking Alongside can be Fatal
Don’t try to sneak to the side and squeeze around trucks—it may be the last mistake you’ll ever make.

Don’t Crowd an Intersection
Many intersections are marked with stop lines, indicating where a driver must come to a complete stop. Crowding an intersection (stopping beyond the stop line or stop sign) leaves your vehicle exposed to semis and other vehicles attempting to turn.

TIPS TO STAY SAFE

WATCH the truck’s turning signal to see what the driver intends to do.

DON’T CUT IN along the right side of a truck.

WAIT for the truck to make its turn first as the truck’s turn signal may not be working.

STAY BACK at least a car length when stopped behind a truck.