



NO-ZONES AND BLIND SPOTS

Stay Where a Truck Driver Can See You

Your Key to Safer Highways: Know the No-Zones

Big rigs have several blind spots due to their size and height. Areas where truck drivers can't see around the rig and trailer are called "No-Zones." Drivers who share the roadway with trucks must be aware of these "No-Zones" to stay safe.



Side No-Zones:

Trucks have extremely large blind spots on both sides. Even with large side-view mirrors, truck drivers can't see everything around them. Driving in these areas can be dangerous.

Safety tips:

- Stay out of a truck's blind spots
- If you have to pass, give yourself plenty of space and extra time
- Avoid driving alongside a semi truck

Rear No-Zones:

Truck drivers don't have a rear-view mirror to look through, so they have to rely heavily on their side-view mirrors. If you're behind a truck and can't see the driver's face in his or her mirror, then they can't see you.

Safety tips:

- Don't draft or tailgate
- Give yourself three seconds of following distance

Front No-Zones:

Cutting in front of a truck, as you might with other cars, may be the last mistake you ever make. At 65 mph, it takes the length of about two football fields (525 feet) for a truck to come to a complete stop.

Safety tips:

- Allow at least one car length for every 10 mph you're traveling before merging in front of a truck
- When passing a truck, never cut in front of it and then slow down

Wide Turns:

Trucks make wider turns than cars. So be aware that a truck may need to swing wide either to the left or right to avoid sidewalks, signs and utility poles. Drivers who stay aware and give trucks room will be safe.

Safety tip:

- Give trucks plenty of room to turn safely

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