

DRIVING SAFELY

AROUND SEMI TRUCKS

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KNOW THE ZONES

A truck has a blind spot on each side of its trailer, in the front of the cab and behind the vehicle. To the left, the blind spot extends diagonally across one lane. To the right, it extends diagonally across two lanes. There is a blind spot that extends approximately 20 feet in front of the cab and one that extends about 30 feet behind the trailer.

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PASS CAUTIOUSLY

Be careful when passing a truck. It's always a good idea to do so if you are able, but you don't want to cut off a semi. Wait to get in front of the truck until you can see the driver's face in your rearview mirror. When you can see the driver's face, they can see your car. If you can, pull even a little further ahead.

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STAY FAR BACK

Never tailgate a semi truck. Doing so will put you squarely in one of the truck's blind spots. Additionally, if you are hit from behind by another vehicle, it could push you under the trailer of the truck, causing severe injury and devastating damage to your vehicle.

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WATCH WIDE TURNS

A truck needs more room to turn. It doesn't matter if it is turning alongside you or turning and heading in your direction. Give a semi as much room as possible when you notice that the driver intends to change directions.

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