

# 5 Most Common Causes of Truck Accidents

## 1 Driving in Blind Spots

Semi trucks have blind spots that effectively surround the vehicle. This is a good rule of thumb: if you can't see the driver's eyes in the side mirror, they can't see you.

When a driver can't see you, you are in danger of being involved in an accident. Stay out of blind spots.



## 2 Changing Lanes

It takes a semi truck a much greater distance to stop than a typical passenger vehicle. If you need to change lanes and get in front of a truck, do so with at least a few car lengths of distance in between your rear end and the front of the truck.

If you have to slam on your brakes, you don't want to have a semi on your tail.



## 3 Sticking to the Right

Another common cause of accidents between semi trucks and passenger vehicles is a passenger vehicle hanging to the right of a truck while the truck makes a right turn.

If you see a trucker activate the vehicle's blinkers, get out of the way.



## 4 Turning in Front of a Truck

If you see a truck coming at you from the opposite direction, be careful that you don't misjudge its speed before you turn in front of it.

If you are making a left hand turn and a semi is heading your way, your safest option is to wait.



## 5 Getting Sandwiched

You know that nervous feeling you get when you are caught in a lane between two semi trucks? You have good reason to be nervous. This is one of the most common causes of accidents on highways between trucks and passenger vehicles.

If you find yourself sandwiched in between two large trucks, do what you can to get behind or ahead of them.

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