

Class B and C mopeds can be driven only in the right lane of traffic, as far to the right as possible. Class A mopeds are allowed to drive in any lane and any section of a lane. Mopeds are not permitted on expressways or other controlled access highways unless posted signs permit it.

When you approach a moped, use the same precautions you would when you approach a bicyclist.

LARGE VEHICLES

In more than 60 percent of all fatal crashes that involve cars and big trucks, the car driver, not the truck driver, contributes to the cause of the traffic crash. Four out of five times, it is the car driver who is killed.

Many of these crashes could be prevented if motorists know about truck (and bus) limits and how to steer free from situations that are unsafe and involve large vehicles.

Large trucks, recreational vehicles and buses are not big cars. The bigger they are:

- The bigger their blind spots.
- The longer it takes them to stop.
- The more room they need to maneuver.
- The longer it takes for an automobile to pass them.

Different from cars, large vehicles have deep blind spots behind them. They also have larger blind spots on both sides. Tractors with long hoods can have a blind spot of 20 feet in front of the vehicle. You should avoid these "no zones."

Side Blind Spots

Large vehicles have large blind spots on both sides. If you drive in these blind spots, you cannot be seen by the driver. Even if the driver knows you are there, if you remain next to the vehicle, it can make it difficult for the driver to avoid a dangerous situation.

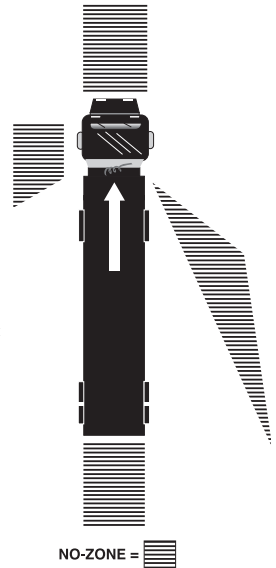
Blind Spots in Back

If you remain in the back blind spot of a large vehicle, you increase the chance of a crash. The

other driver cannot see your car and your view of other traffic will be blocked.

Distance to Stop

Large vehicles take much longer to stop than smaller vehicles that travel at the same speed. For tractor trailers, the difference comes from brake delay. Air brakes use compressed air to transmit brake power to all the wheels. Compressed air takes longer to transmit the brake power than hydraulic brakes, and this can add many feet to the distance it takes to stop. Leave plenty of space between your car and the truck. If you are in front of a truck, indicate your intention to turn or change lanes early. Do not make sudden moves.



Ability to Maneuver

Large vehicles are not as maneuverable as cars. They take longer to stop and to accelerate and they often need to move wide to make their turns.

You can reduce the chance of a collision with a large vehicle if you:

- Do not cut abruptly in front of the large vehicle; when you exit, take a few additional seconds to decrease speed and exit behind it; when you pass, do not pull in front of it unless you can see the whole front of the vehicle in your mirror.
- Pay close attention to the turn signals. Because trucks make wide right turns, they move to the left before they turn right. Look at the turn signals.