



# Large Truck and Bus Traffic Enforcement



# Situation



**Which presents a greater safety risk?**  
*A large truck driving outside the lane line  
or a passenger car driving outside the  
lane line?*

While the large truck presents a greater potential risk based on its size, the passenger car is more likely to be pulled over.



# Video: Traffic Stop Leads to More



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# Criminal Activity



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The transport and trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor or prostitution.



## DRUG AND WEAPONS TRAFFICKING

The transport and trade of illegal goods.



## MOVING FRAUD

The extortion of consumers by un-registered moving companies.





# At the Very Least...



**Do your part by enforcing traffic safety laws  
for ALL vehicles on the road.**



# Video: Enforcing Traffic Safety



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# Large Truck and Bus Traffic Enforcement Begins With...



## AWARENESS

Recognizing unsafe driving behaviors.



## KNOWLEDGE

Conducting large truck and bus vehicle stops.



# When Conducting a Large Truck or Bus Vehicle Stop...



## OBSERVE

Identify **traffic violations** associated with large truck and bus crashes.

## CONSIDER

Identify **safety considerations** that apply before, during, and after a vehicle stop.

## DETECT

Identify **potential indicators** of serious vehicle defects or criminal activity.

## REVIEW

Identify the **documentation required** for processing a large truck or bus vehicle stop.

## REPORT

Identify the **appropriate boxes** to check when filling out a citation for a large truck or bus vehicle.





# Motor Vehicle Law Violations



# Video: Driver Behaviors



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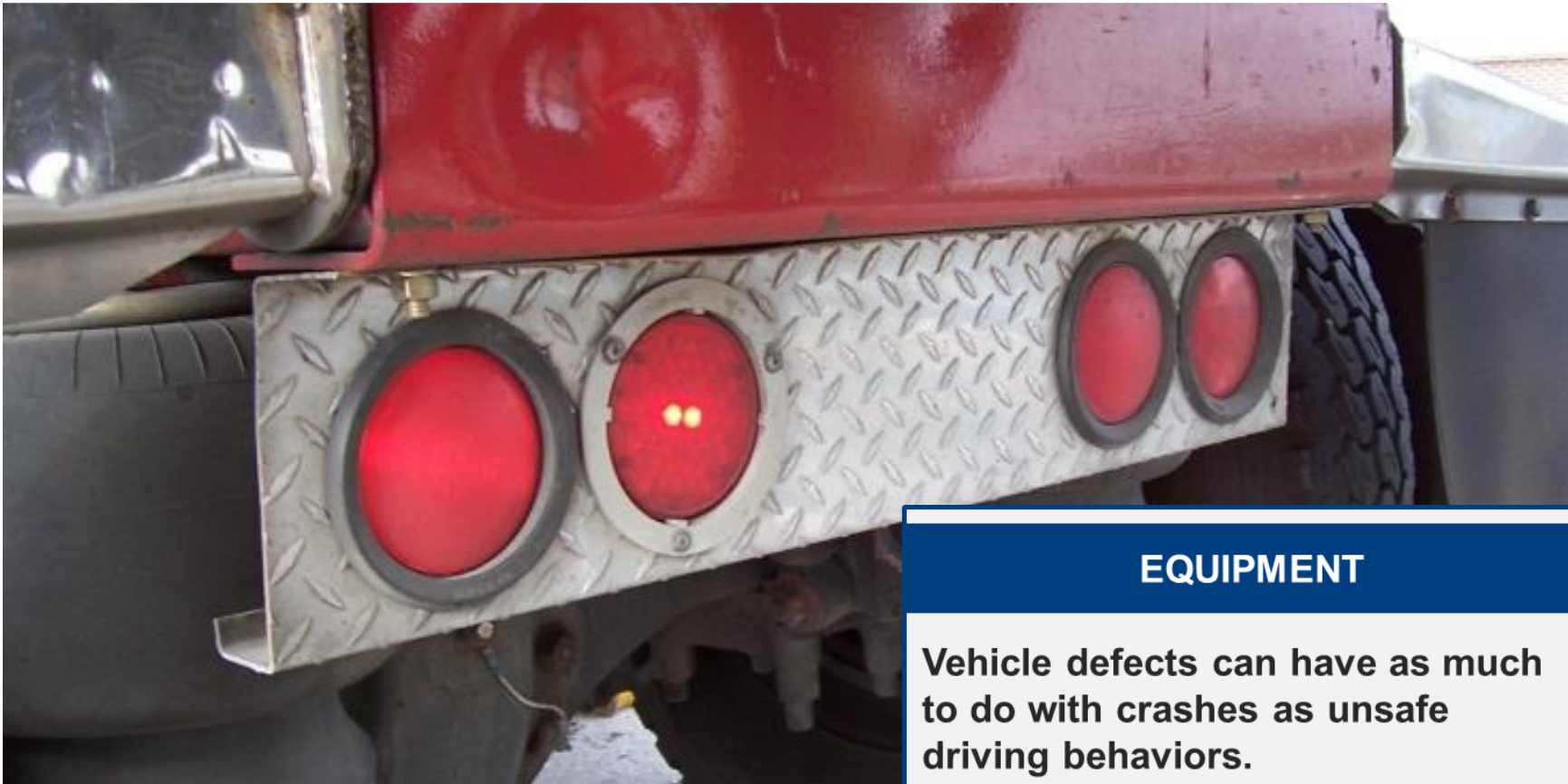


# Driver Behaviors as Predictors of Crashes

Driver Behavior	Crash Probability Increase
Failure to use or improper signal conviction	96%
Past crash	88%
Improper passing violation	88%
Improper turn conviction	84%
Improper or erratic lane change conviction	80%
Failure to maintain proper lane/location conviction	68%
Failure to obey traffic sign	68%
Speeding conviction (15 mph over speed limit)	67%
Any conviction	65%
Reckless/careless/inattentive/negligent driving conviction	64%



# Additional Offenses



## EQUIPMENT

Vehicle defects can have as much to do with crashes as unsafe driving behaviors.

A faded background image of a blue semi-truck driving on a two-lane road that curves into the distance. The truck is positioned on the right side of the road, and its headlights are visible. The overall scene is misty or foggy.

# Making the Stop





# The Environment



## STOPPING DISTANCE

Is there anything that could make stopping difficult?

### Did You Know?

It takes six seconds for a large truck to stop when it is travelling at 55 mph.

**Do not stop on curves, hills, and steep grades.**



# The Environment



## SHOULDER

Will the shoulder support the large truck or bus?

### Did You Know?

The weight of a large truck or bus easily exceeds 14,000 lbs. The weight of the average car is around 4,000 lbs.

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# The Environment



## TRAFFIC RE-ENTRY

Can the large truck or bus safely re-enter traffic?

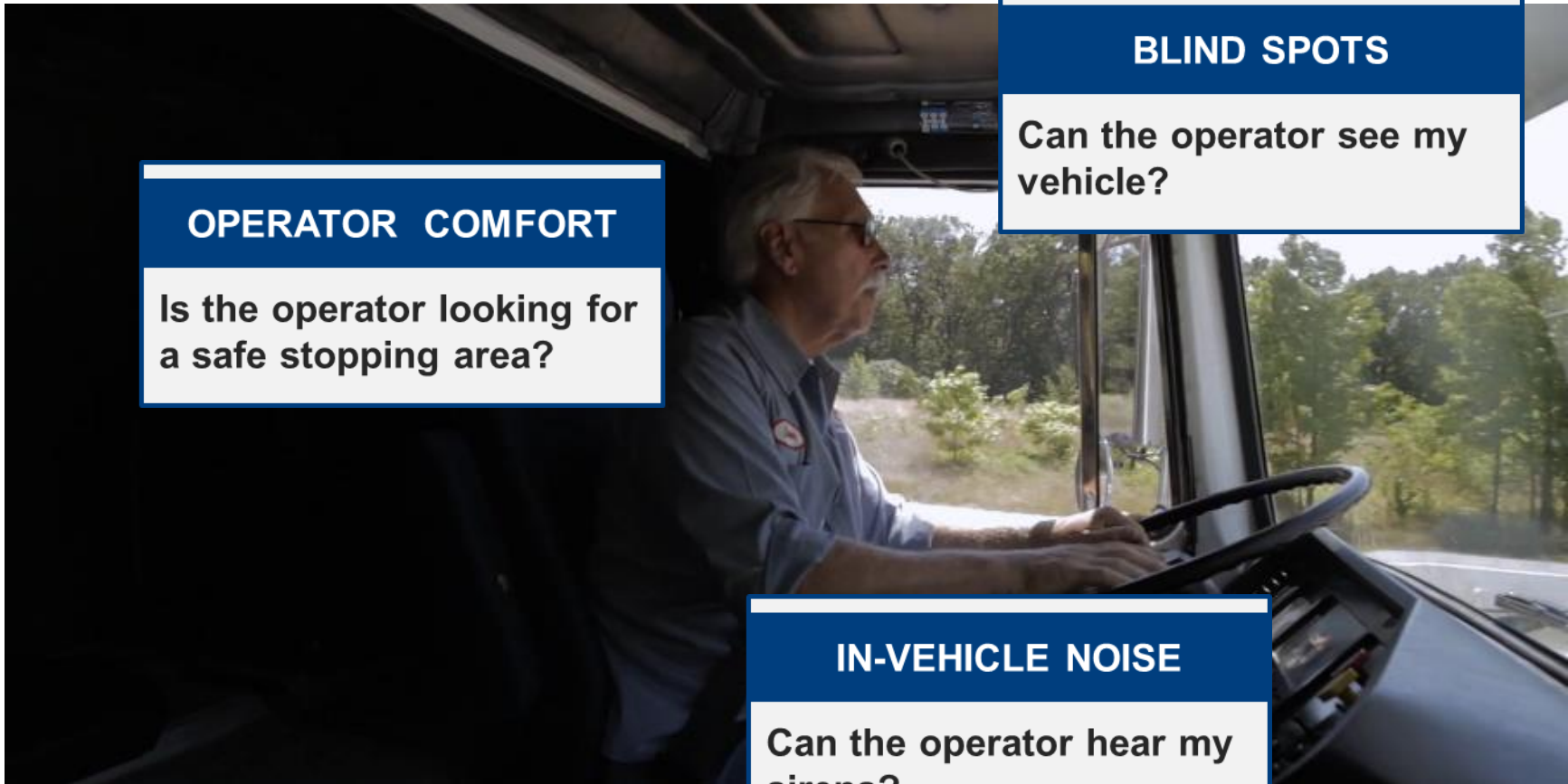
### Did You Know?

A large truck's maximum acceleration rate is only 30% of a passenger car's.

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# If the Vehicle Does Not Stop



## OPERATOR COMFORT

Is the operator looking for a safe stopping area?

## BLIND SPOTS

Can the operator see my vehicle?

## IN-VEHICLE NOISE

Can the operator hear my sirens?





# Video: Making the Stop



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# Personal Safety



# Video: Approaching the Vehicle



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# Maintain Awareness



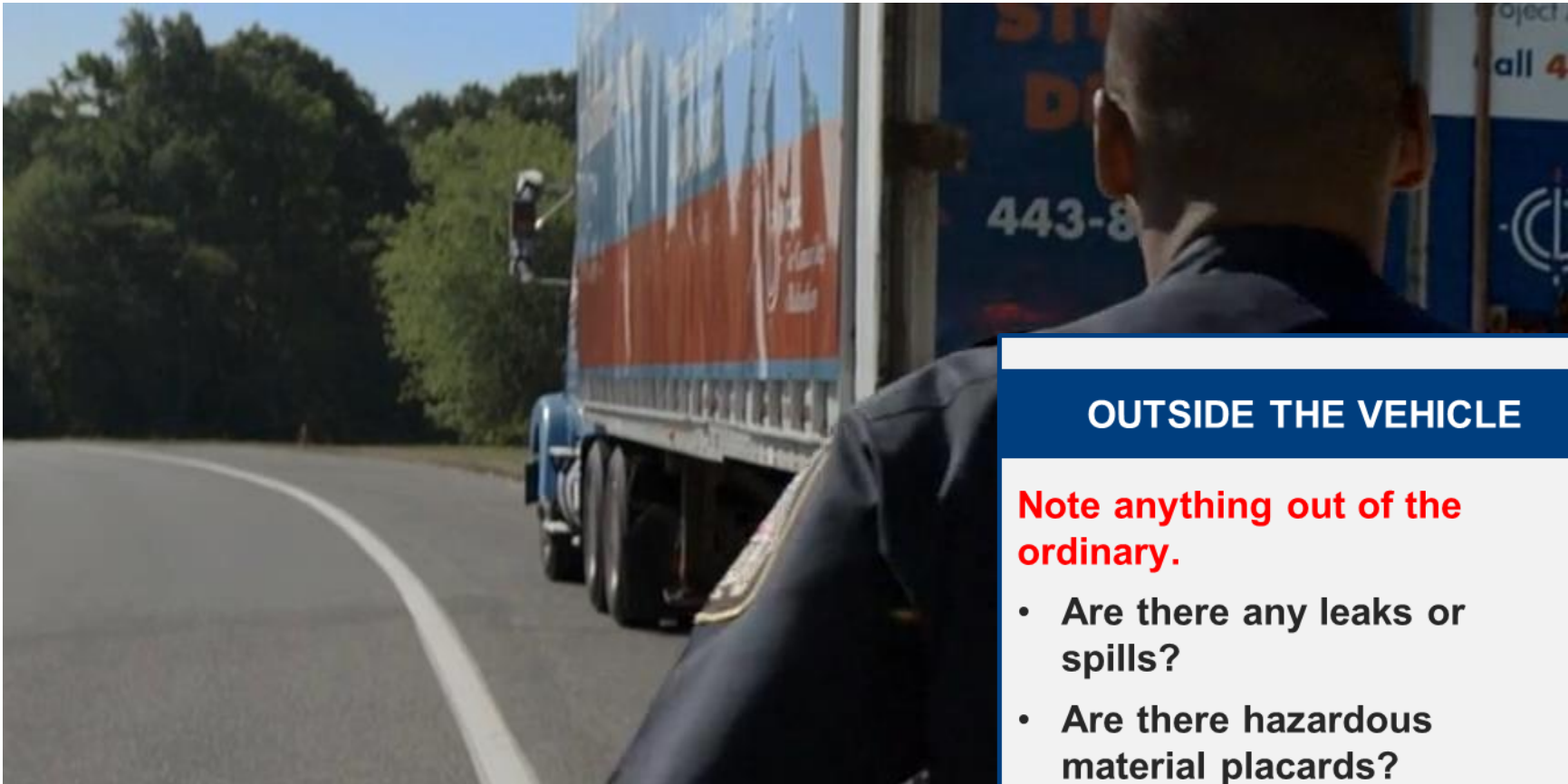
## INSIDE THE VEHICLE

**Use the vehicle's mirrors to monitor driver.**

- What is the operator doing?
- Are there any passengers?
- Are there any animals?



# Maintain Awareness



## OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE

**Note anything out of the ordinary.**

- Are there any leaks or spills?
- Are there hazardous material placards?



# Public Safety Hazards



## SERIOUS VEHICLE DEFECTS

Anything that makes the vehicle a hazard on the road.



## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Any material that poses an unreasonable risk to health and safety.





# What to Look For – Defects



## SMOKE

May be a sign of engine or brake trouble.

## LEAKS AND SPILLS

May be any number of engine fluids.



# What to Look For – Placards



## IDENTIFICATION

May include the identification number of the material.

## INFORMATION

Includes the hazard class/division of the material.

**Do not approach a placarded vehicle that is leaking or smoking.**



# Video: Safety Around the Truck Cab



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# Interacting with the Operator





# Passenger Car Vehicle Stop



## DOCUMENTATION

- Driver's License
- Registration
- Proof of Insurance





# Video: Asking for Documentation



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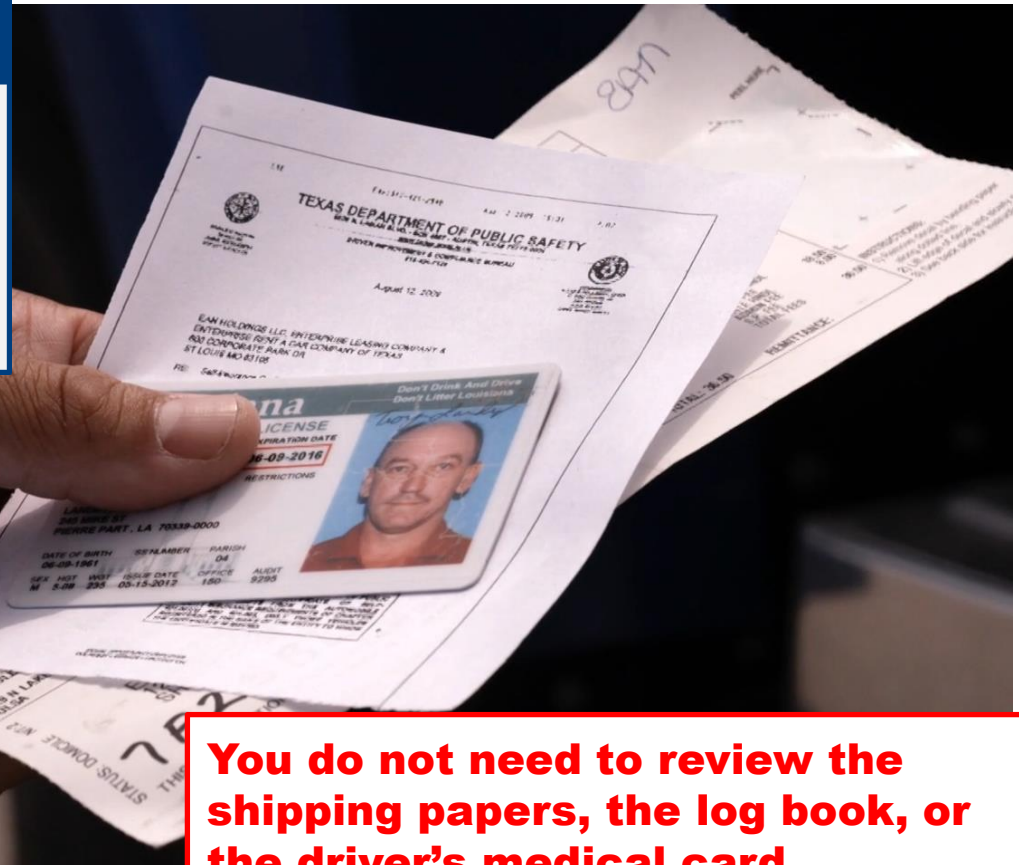
# Remember...



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

## ONLY REVIEW

- Driver's License
- Registration
- Proof of Insurance



**You do not need to review the shipping papers, the log book, or the driver's medical card.**

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# Video: About CDLs



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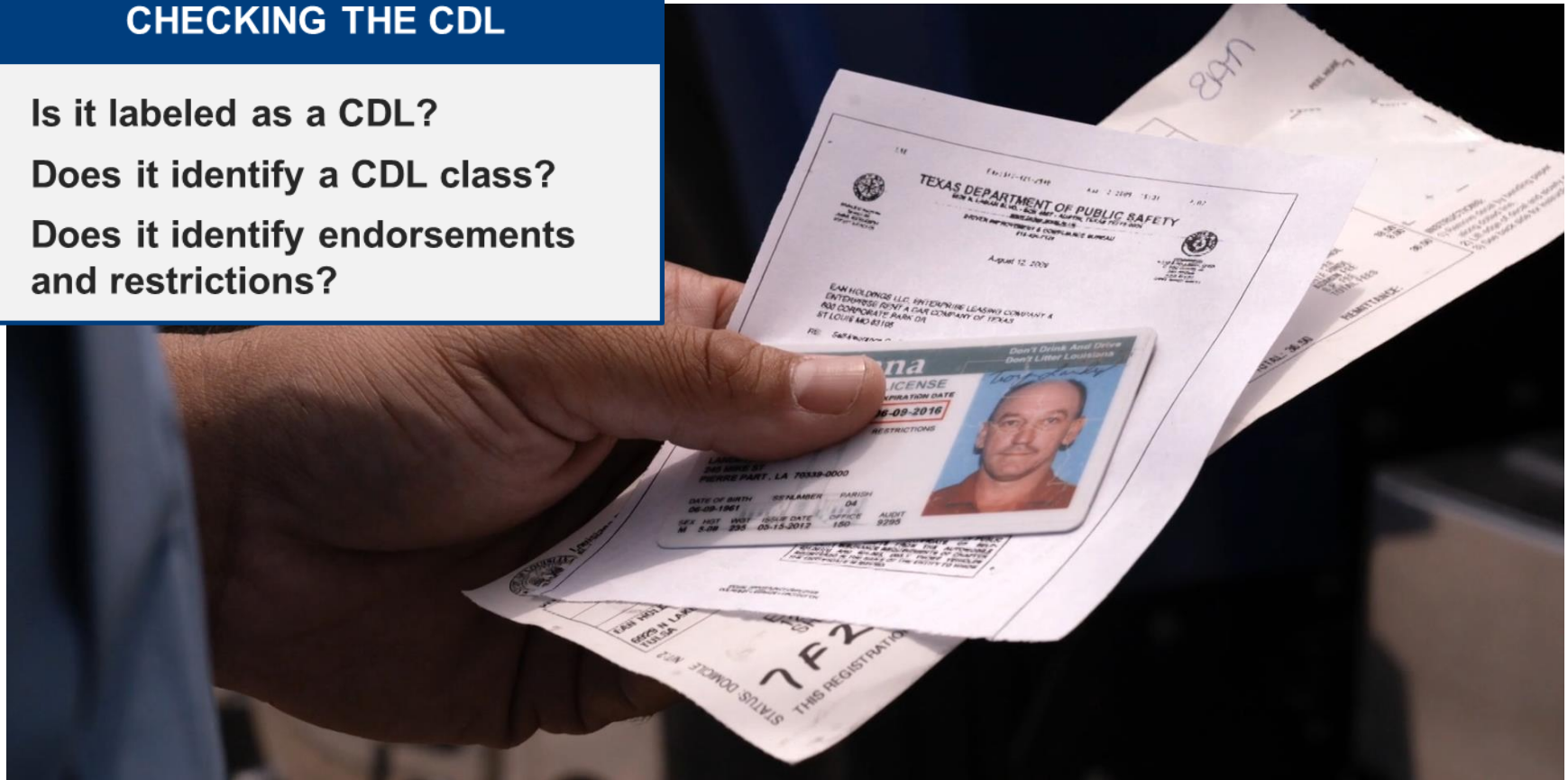
# CDL Information



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## CHECKING THE CDL

- Is it labeled as a CDL?
- Does it identify a CDL class?
- Does it identify endorsements and restrictions?

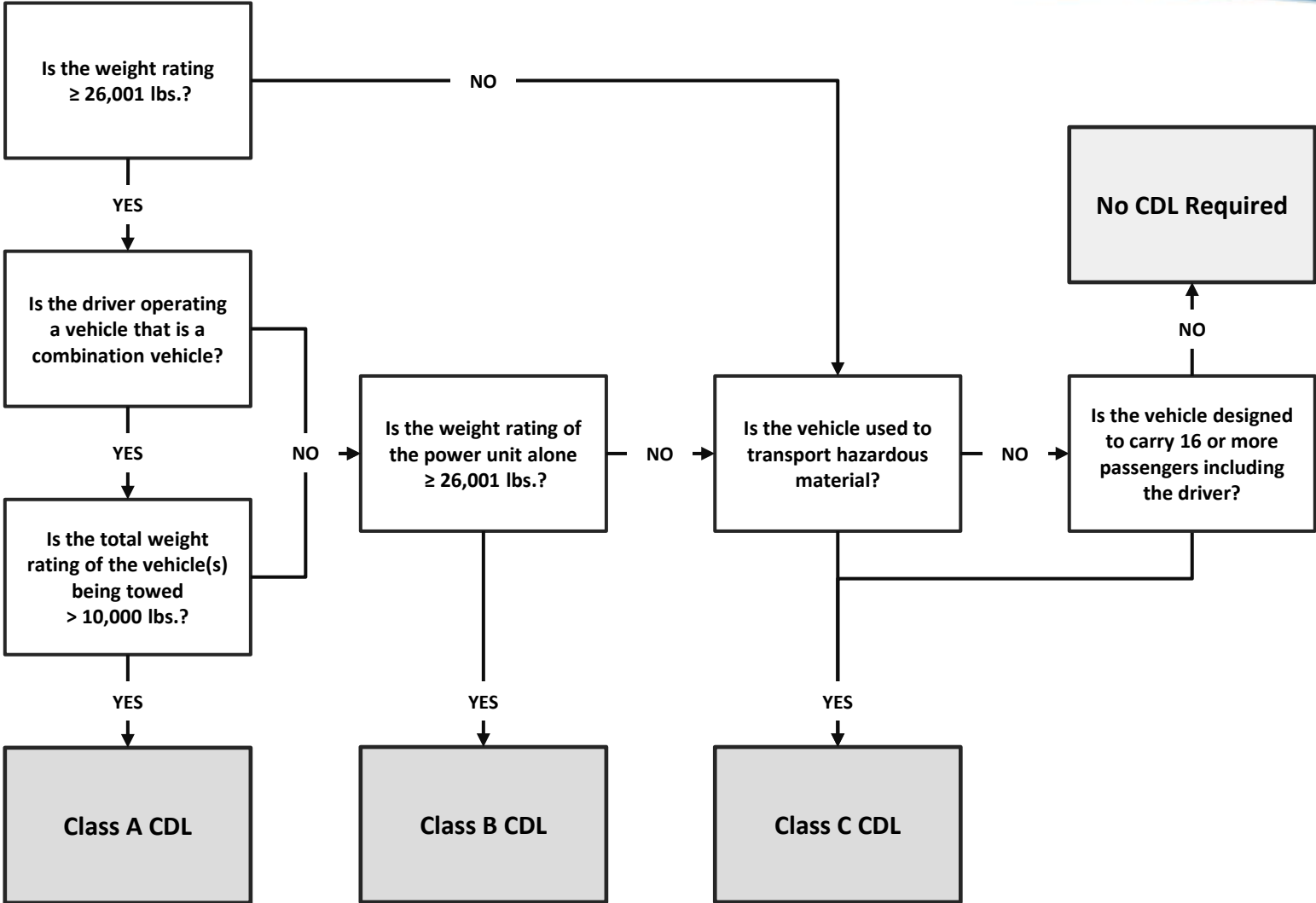


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# Verifying CDL Privileges







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## ENDORSEMENTS

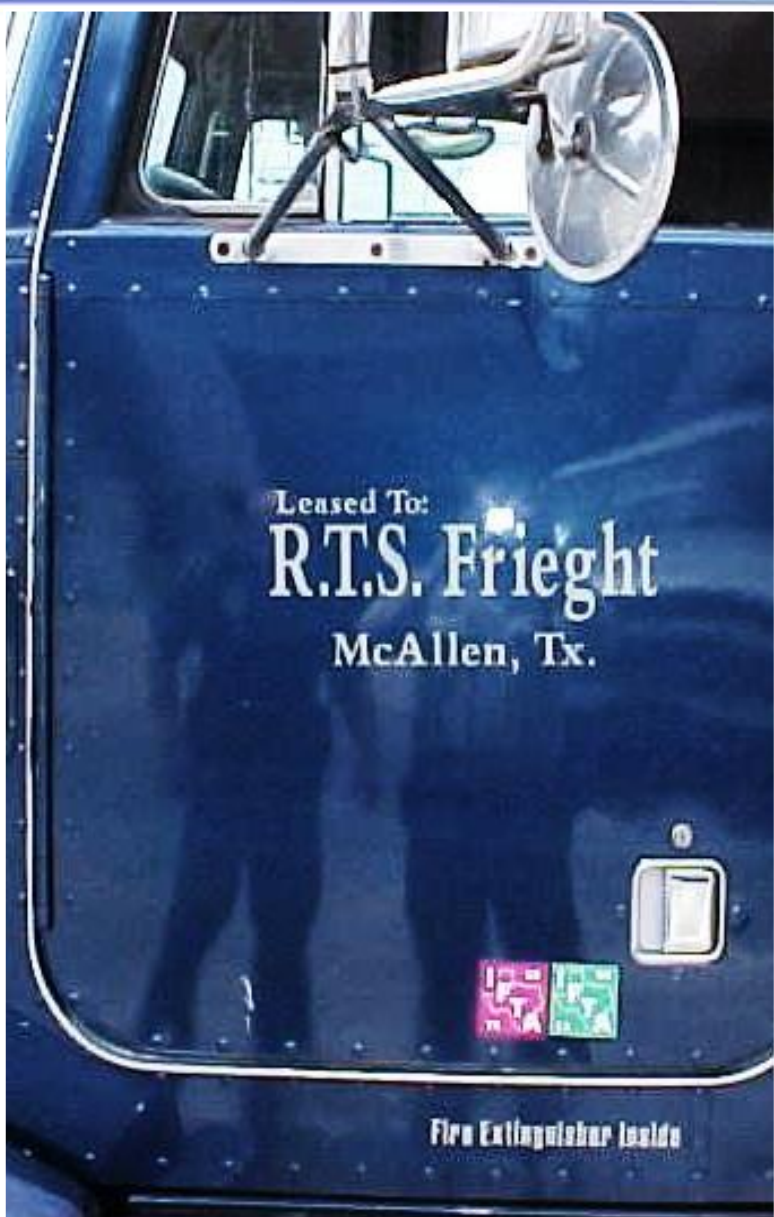
- T** – Haul double or triple trailers
- P** – Operate passenger vehicles commercially
- N** – Operate cargo tank vehicles
- H** – Haul hazardous material commercial loads
- X** – Combination of N and H
- S** – Operate school bus

A faded background image of a blue semi-truck driving on a road that stretches into the distance under a clear sky.

# Criminal Activity



# Detecting Criminal Activity – Vehicle



**VEHICLE MARKINGS**

Are they incomplete, unprofessional, or misspelled?

**SEALS**

Are there any broken, replaced, or missing seals?



# Detecting Criminal Activity – Driver



## IMPAIRMENT

Is the driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

## BEHAVIOR

Is the driver overly anxious or defensive?





# What to Look For – Passengers



## PRESENCE

**Does the passenger know the driver?**

## BEHAVIOR

**Is the passenger behaving suspiciously?**





# Contact a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Officer



## FURTHER INSPECTION

If you observe something that you think warrants further inspection.

## DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

If you observe the presence of drugs or alcohol.

## UNSAFE CONDITION

If you observe an unsafe condition that makes the vehicle a road hazard.

**When contacting a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) officer, share what you have observed.**



# Citing and Reporting



# Completing the Citation



## ENFORCE THE LAW

- Confirm the CDL
- Confirm the registration
- Cite the violation
- Check the appropriate boxes



# Video: Check the Appropriate Boxes



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# Check the Appropriate Boxes



## ADDITIONAL CHECK BOXES

- HazMat
- Seat Belt
- Work Zone





# After the Stop

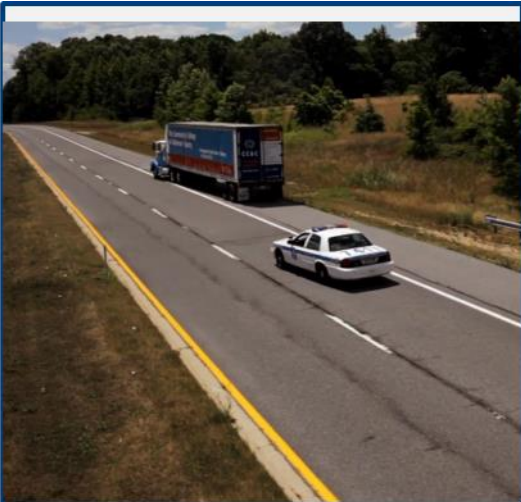


# When Clearing the Stop



**BLOCK**

Can approaching traffic see you?



**RE-ENTER**

Can the vehicle re-enter the lane?



**FOLLOW**

Can the vehicle get up to speed?



# Video: Re-Entering Traffic



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A faded, light blue background image of a semi-truck driving on a road, viewed from a low angle. The truck is moving towards the right side of the frame.

# Summary



# Making the Difference Involves...



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# Traffic Safety Applies to All Traffic



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# Video Links

<b>18 Wheels and Busted</b>	<a href="http://www.aamva.org/18-Wheels-and-BUSted/">http://www.aamva.org/18-Wheels-and-BUSted/</a>
<b>Pull 'em Over</b>	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmEATMjQShl&amp;feature=youtu.be">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmEATMjQShl&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>
<b>Fraudulent CDLs</b>	<a href="http://www.theiacp.org/Fraudulent-Commercial-Drivers-Licenses">http://www.theiacp.org/Fraudulent-Commercial-Drivers-Licenses</a>
<b>CMV Awareness Training Guide</b>	<a href="http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-l-drivers-license/commercial-motor-vehicle-awareness-training-guide">http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-l-drivers-license/commercial-motor-vehicle-awareness-training-guide</a>