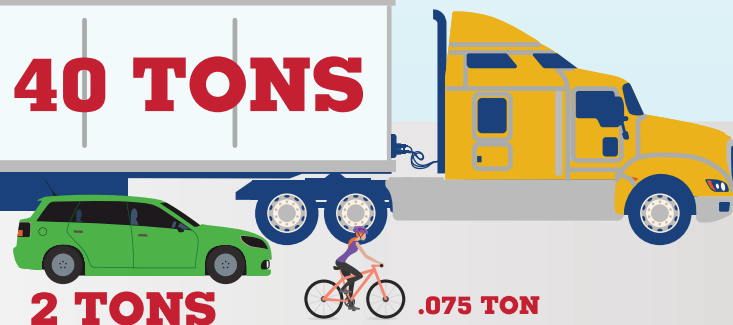


Be Aware of the Size Difference

- Trucks can weigh 20 to 30 times more than passenger vehicles – increasing the chances for severe damage and injuries in a crash with a smaller vehicle.
- Trucks and buses accelerate more slowly, especially uphill, and tend to gain speed more quickly downhill. Recognize these limitations and adjust your driving behavior accordingly.
- Tall vehicles roll over more easily and must slow down significantly for curves and ramps. Give them room and time to maneuver.
- CMVs generate wind gusts that can push smaller vehicles around. Never linger beside a large vehicle – speed up and pass safely, or pull well behind the vehicle.
- Due to high ground clearance, a smaller vehicle can be pushed or pulled under a bus or truck during a crash – never tailgate.



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A FEW SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP YOU SHARE THE ROAD SAFELY
WITH LARGE TRUCKS AND BUSES





Anticipate Wide Turns

- Buses and trucks, or commercial motor vehicles (CMVs), need extra turning room. They may swing wide to make a turn. Anticipate that a truck making a right turn may initially move left to create enough turning space.
- If a CMV has its turn signal on, never try to squeeze by or get between it and the curb.
- At an intersection, never “block the box” or stop in front of the line, as buses and trucks require that space to complete turns safely.

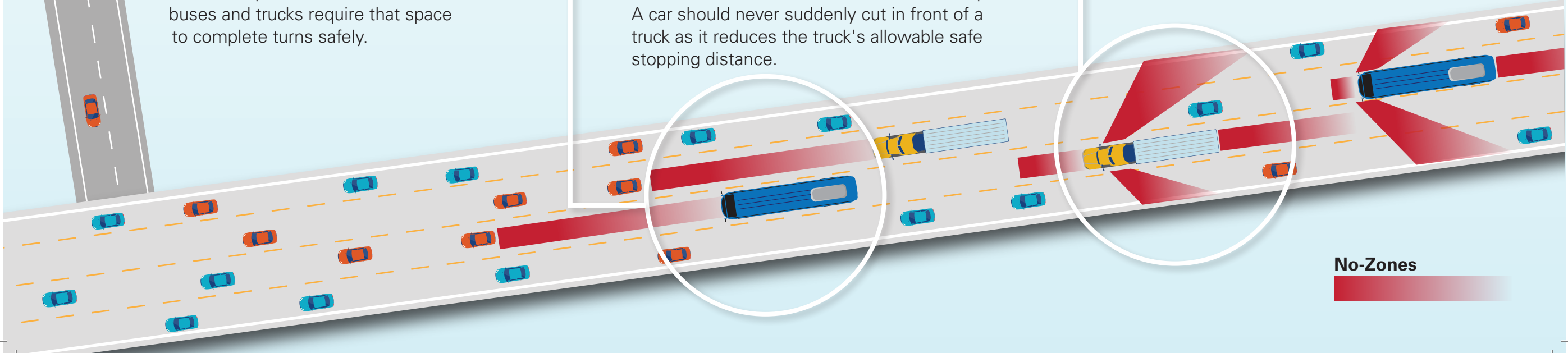
Consider Long Stopping Distances

- The stopping time and distance for a bus or truck are much greater than those of smaller vehicles.
- Stopping distance increases even more when a CMV has a heavy load or there are road conditions like snow, ice, or rain.
- A fully loaded truck traveling under good conditions at highway speeds requires a distance of almost two football fields to stop. A car should never suddenly cut in front of a truck as it reduces the truck's allowable safe stopping distance.

Watch Out for Blind Spots

A CMV has limited visibility because of large blind spots on all four sides of the vehicle. Other drivers and road users should strive to stay out of these “No-Zones.”

- Limited visibility requires extra caution in passing and being passed by CMVs.
- Other vehicles and road users must stay out of the blind spots when a bus or truck is turning, backing up, or changing lanes.



No-Zones