



# Sharing the Road Safely in Tennessee

Large trucks and buses maneuver differently than other vehicles and often face unique safety challenges.

## In 2020 Tennessee experienced:

163 fatal crashes involving large trucks, resulting in 195 fatalities<sup>1</sup>

1 intersection crash involving a large truck every 2 hours and 54 minutes<sup>1</sup>

1 person killed in a crash involving a large truck every 1 day, 21 hours, and 30 minutes<sup>1</sup>



## Follow these tips from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's *Our Roads, Our Safety* campaign:



### Maintain a Safe Speed

Everyone on the road should obey traffic laws, and particularly the speed limit. Maintain a safe speed and appropriate following distance.



### Stay Focused Behind the Wheel

Driving distracted is as dangerous as driving impaired. Eliminate distractions by taking proper precautions before you leave.



### Always Wear a Seat Belt

Fatal crashes on America's roadways are rising, and a major contributing factor is not wearing a seat belt. Wear your seat belt every time you drive or ride.



### Get a Good Night's Rest

Driving when you're fatigued, feeling ill, or using medications (including over-the-counter medicine) that make you drowsy or dizzy can impair judgment and reaction time. All drivers should try to get 7-8 hours of sleep per night and consider taking a 15-minute power nap while at a truck stop or rest area.



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Every Tennessean is responsible for sharing the road safely. For more information on driving safely on our roads, visit [www.ShareTheRoadSafely.gov](http://www.ShareTheRoadSafely.gov).