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Safe Driving Around Large Trucks & Buses



Large trucks and buses maneuver much differently than cars. Their size means a bigger risk of serious damage or injury in a crash. Understanding large vehicles' driving challenges—and how to drive safely around them—helps you stay safe on the road.

FOLLOW THESE SAFETY TIPS:

Wide Turns



Passing while a truck or bus is turning could cause a crash.



Slow down and give them space to finish turning.

Long Stopping Distance



If you merge too close in front of a truck or bus, the driver may not be able to slow or stop in time.



Leave ample space between vehicles when merging in front of them.

Big Blind Spots

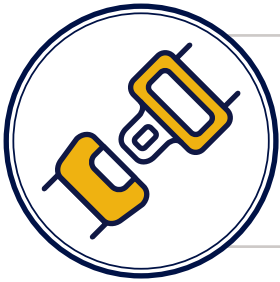


A truck or bus driver can't see you in their blind spot—if they merge into your lane, it could cause a crash.



To get out of a blind spot, move ahead at a safe speed to pass the bus or truck—or slow down and pull behind it.

MORE ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS:



Always buckle up
and insist your
passengers do too.



Avoid any distraction
that takes your attention
off the road.



Be patient and maintain
a **safe speed and**
following distance.



If you feel stressed,
upset, or tired, **pull**
over for a break.

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