



# The Vehicle Stop



# When Conducting a Large Truck or Bus Vehicle Stop



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| <b>OBSERVE</b>  | Identify <b>traffic violations</b> associated with large truck and bus crashes.                              |
| <b>CONSIDER</b> | Identify <b>safety considerations</b> that apply before, during, and after a vehicle stop.                   |
| <b>DETECT</b>   | Identify <b>potential indicators</b> of serious vehicle defects or criminal activity.                        |
| <b>REVIEW</b>   | Identify the <b>documentation required</b> for processing a large truck or bus vehicle stop.                 |
| <b>REPORT</b>   | Identify the <b>appropriate boxes</b> to check when filling out a citation for a large truck or bus vehicle. |



# 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 weight of 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**

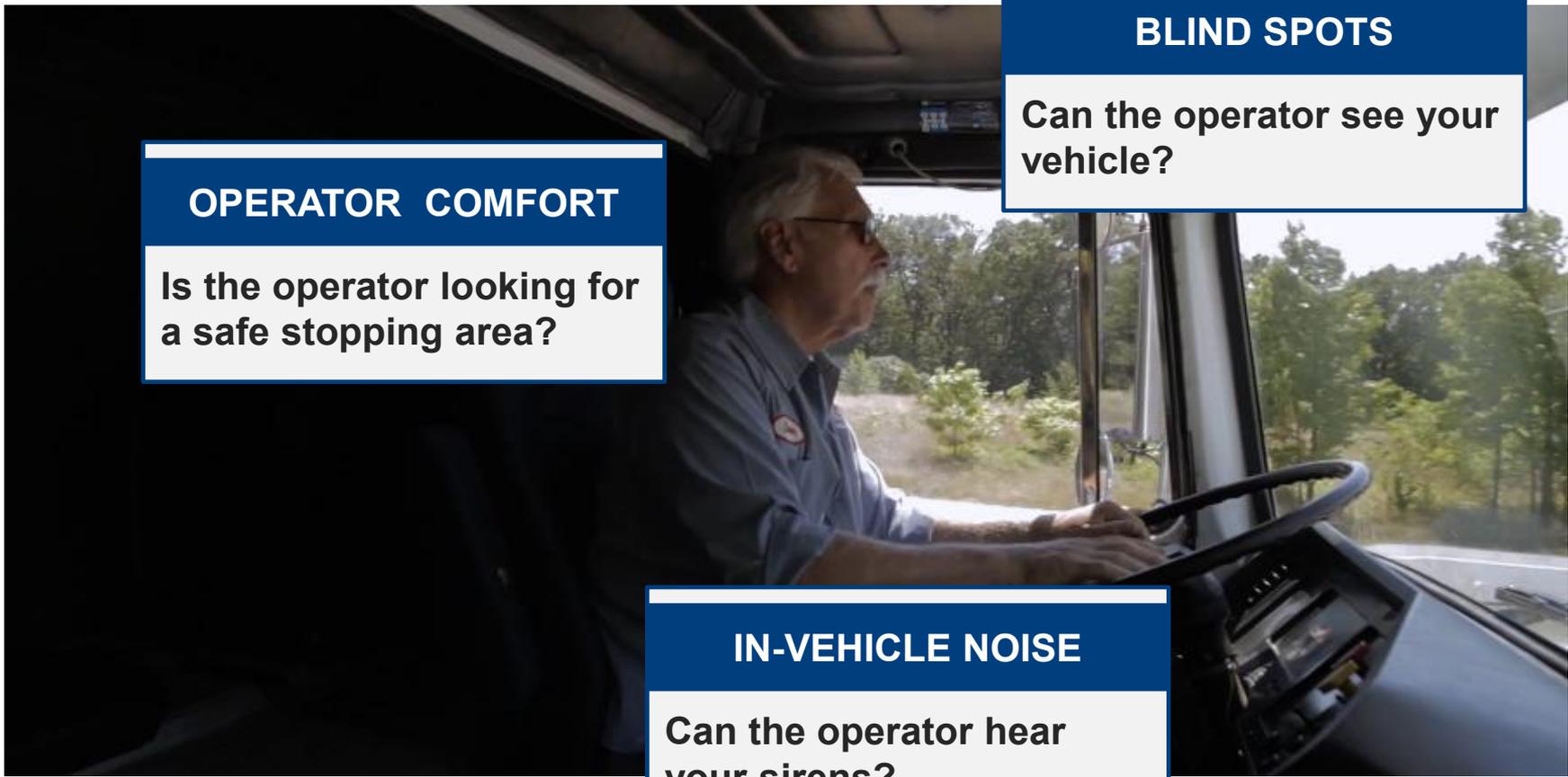
Can the large truck or bus safely re-enter traffic?

**Did You Know?**  
A large truck's maximum acceleration rate is only 30% of a passenger car's.

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# What If the Vehicle Does Not Stop?



**OPERATOR COMFORT**  
Is the operator looking for a safe stopping area?

**BLIND SPOTS**  
Can the operator see your vehicle?

**IN-VEHICLE NOISE**  
Can the operator hear your sirens?



# Video: Making the Stop



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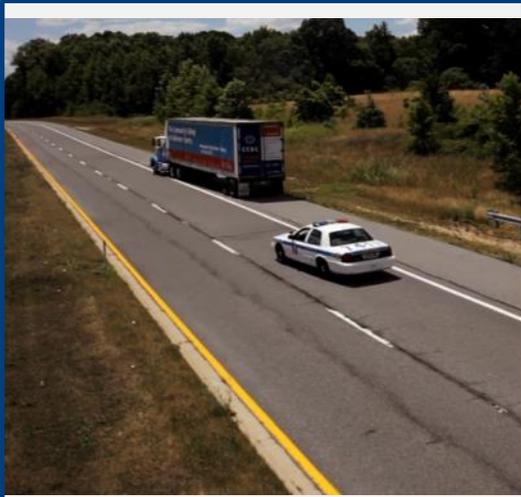


# When Clearing the Stop



## BLOCK

Can approaching traffic see you?



## RE-ENTER

Can the vehicle re-enter the lane?



## FOLLOW

Can the vehicle safely get up to speed?



# Video: Re-Entering Traffic



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# Visor Cards



*When making a stop of a large truck or bus, your primary concerns should be:*

- **Can the driver of the vehicle see your lights and hear your sirens?**
- **Is there anything about the roadside environment that would deter the driver from pulling over?**

To minimize these concerns, be sure to position your patrol car so that the driver can see you in the side mirrors. Also make sure that the shoulder of the road will support the weight of the vehicle and that there is adequate distance for stopping and for getting up to speed when reentering traffic.

Do not stop on curves, hills, or steep grades.

**MAKING THE STOP**

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If you approach the vehicle on the driver side, be sure to stay aware of traffic. Approaching the vehicle on the passenger side provides a safer option.

In either case, use the vehicle's mirrors to maintain awareness of what the driver is doing inside the vehicle.

Use extra caution around doors, or if you climb on the vehicle.



**STAY ALERT**

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