



# *The Latest News, Safety Tips & More*

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### Defense! Defense!

CMV operators must be constantly vigilant to detect unexpected road conditions, distracted drivers, and motorists who don't understand how CMVs operate. Scan ahead about 15 seconds (a quarter mile on interstates, or one to two blocks in cities) for traffic issues, work zones, and other dangers. Check mirrors every 8-10 seconds to be aware of vehicles entering your blind spots.

### Practice Work Zone Safety

Work zones present many hazards, like lane shifts, sudden stops, uneven road surfaces, moving workers and equipment, and confused passenger vehicle drivers. Slow down, maintain extra following space, and be prepared to stop. Remember to obey all work zone signs and signals. Watch the reduced speed limit signs! Scan ahead for changing traffic patterns and be alert to vehicles entering those blind spots. Keep a sharp eye out for road workers and flag crews and get through the work zone safely!

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### Signal for Safety

Signal and brake to give other drivers plenty of time to notice your intent. If you must pull off the road, use flashers, reflective triangles, and road flares. #safety

### Be Aware of Your No-Zone

Did you know one-third of all crashes between large trucks and cars takes place in the No-Zone? As a professional operator, you are aware that some of your blind spots are large enough that a passenger vehicle can virtually disappear from your view. Many passenger vehicle motorists probably don't realize this. Maintain your lane and stay put. Do not make unnecessary or evasive lane changes. You never know what may have snuck up on you.

#awareness #safetyfirst #maintainyourlane



### Have You Had Your BLT Today?

If you've attended one of my safety meetings, you know where I'm going with this. Start every day with a BLT! Folks – **Brakes, Lights, Tires** – we know these are the most common violations found. You already know this so make sure thorough checks are done each day – especially on these items. It's like having the answers to the test you are getting ready to take so why not make sure you are good to go before you are examined on it? Take the time to fix the simple and obvious issues. Forgetting to have your daily BLT can cause you a lot of downtime waiting for the officer to finalize your RSI report. C'mon let's get these #s down.

### Know When to Slow

Driving too fast for weather or road conditions or failing to slow down for curves or ramps create risks for spills and rollovers, as well as crashes. Slow er' down and be safe! Safety must be your #1 priority!