

SHARING THE ROAD

2025 NRSF PSA CHALLENGE

SAFETY FACT SHEET



WHY SHARING THE ROAD MATTERS

Roads are used by many types of vehicles, including cars, trucks, buses, bicycles, and motorcycles. Large vehicles, like trucks and buses, have unique challenges such as large blind spots, longer stopping distances, and wider turns. Understanding how to safely share the road helps prevent crashes and saves lives.

KEY TIPS FOR SHARING THE ROAD WITH LARGE VEHICLES

1. Beware of Blind Spots ("No-Zones")

Large vehicles have big blind spots on all four sides: directly in front, directly behind, and on both sides. If you cannot see the truck driver in their side mirror, they likely cannot see you. Avoid lingering in these blind spots, especially when passing.

2. Give Trucks Space to Stop

Trucks need much longer to stop than cars—up to two football fields in some cases. Never cut off a truck or merge too closely in front of one. If a truck is following you, maintain a steady speed and avoid sudden braking.

3. Pass Safely and Quickly

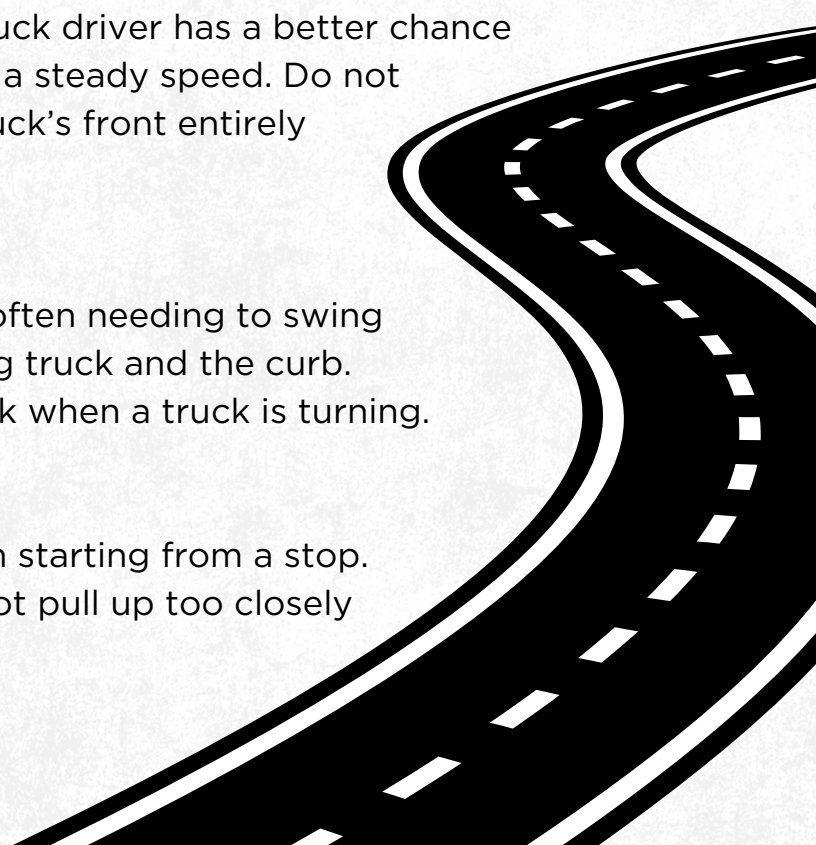
Always pass on the left side, where the truck driver has a better chance of seeing you. Signal clearly and maintain a steady speed. Do not return to the lane until you can see the truck's front entirely in your rearview mirror.

4. Watch for Wide Turns

Trucks and buses make wide right turns, often needing to swing left first. Never squeeze between a turning truck and the curb. Pay attention to turn signals and stay back when a truck is turning.

5. Stay Back at Stops and Intersections

Large vehicles may roll back slightly when starting from a stop. Give them space and never tailgate. Do not pull up too closely in front of a truck at a red light.



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OTHER ROAD USERS & LARGE VEHICLES

Motorcyclists & Bicyclists:

Stay out of truck blind spots and avoid riding next to a truck for long periods. Wear visible clothing and use lights at night. Motorcycles can be harder for truck drivers to see, especially in bad weather.

Pedestrians:

Always cross at marked crosswalks and wait for trucks to stop fully. Never assume a truck driver can see you—make eye contact when possible. Be aware that large vehicles take longer to stop, so never run in front of one.

FINAL REMINDERS

Be patient: Trucks and buses move slower, but they help transport essential goods and people safely.

Stay alert: Avoid distractions like texting or using headphones when driving, biking, or walking near large vehicles.

Follow the law: Yield when required, obey traffic signals, and respect truck safety zones.

By being aware and responsible, we can all share the road safely! For more information on road safety and contest details, visit <https://www.sadd.org/nrsfpsachallenge>

