

A graphic of a road sign on a white post. The sign has a black border and a background of a road with white dashed lines. On the left side of the road, a red semi-truck is shown. On the right side, there are four circular icons: a woman walking, a person on a bicycle, a person on a motorcycle, and a car. The text on the sign is as follows:

**WE
CAN ALL
SHARE
THE ROAD
SAFELY
WITH BIG
TRUCKS**

Here are some
**SAFETY
TIPS**

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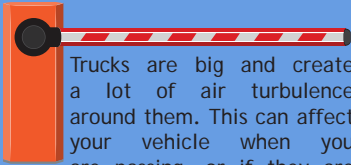
Learning to share the road with big trucks is everyone's responsibility. This book contains safety tips to help all road users gain a better understanding of large vehicles and their capabilities.

We have developed a road show that takes this program to schools, community groups and industry gatherings. The road show includes a large truck so children right through to adults can climb aboard and see what the truck driver sees. The walk through banner area illustrates the safety tips and at the end the play area highlights the different types of trucks and what they carry.

Please share this safety book. These safety tips will save lives and prevent injuries. If you would like to help with our Share the Road with Big Trucks Safety Program give us a call.

**SEE - TOUCH - LEARN - WITH BIG
TRUCKS**

AIR TURBULENCE



Trucks are big and create a lot of air turbulence around them. This can affect your vehicle when you are passing, or if they are passing you.

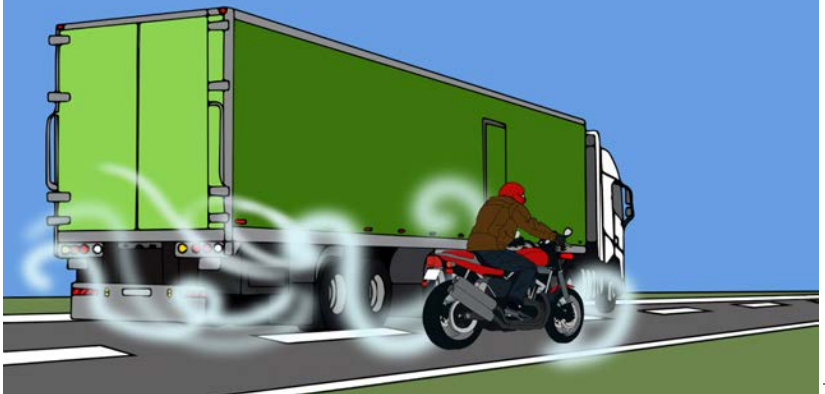
Be prepared for a little “Rock and Roll”



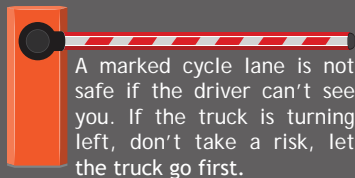
Keep a firm grip on your steering wheel or handle bars



Keep as far away as you can in your lane



CYCLIST BLIND ZONES



A marked cycle lane is not safe if the driver can't see you. If the truck is turning left, don't take a risk, let the truck go first.

Be aware that the truck driver may not know you are there



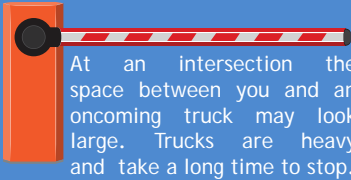
Be aware of possible air turbulence as the truck passes



Don't try and beat the truck it's not a race



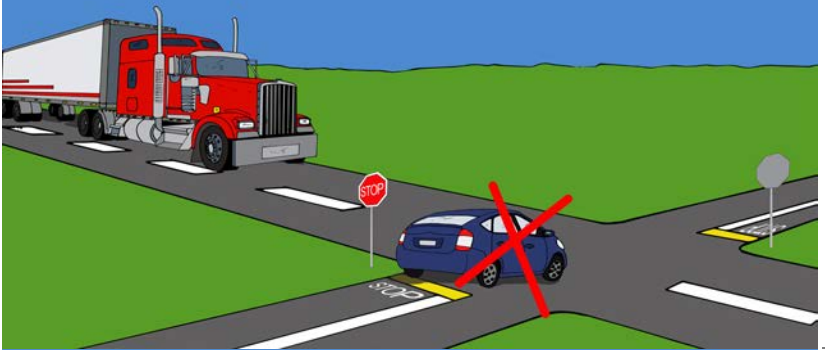
DON'T PULL OUT IN FRONT



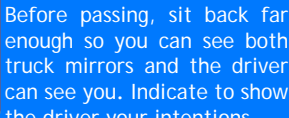
Make sure you have enough clear road in front of the truck 🚧

When you do pull out of the intersection, make sure you don't slow down 🚧


Never try and beat the truck, they are very heavy and cannot stop quickly 🚧





PASSING A TRUCK



Before passing, sit back far enough so you can see both truck mirrors and the driver can see you. Indicate to show the driver your intentions.

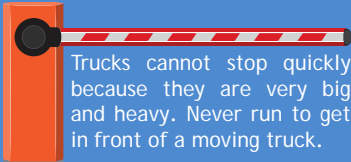
Trucks need a big space between them and the next vehicle in front 

Trucks in a city area can take up to 50m to stop, and in a rural area up to 200m or more to stop safely 

Make sure you can see the whole front of the truck before pulling back into your lane 



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING



Trucks cannot stop quickly because they are very big and heavy. Never run to get in front of a moving truck.

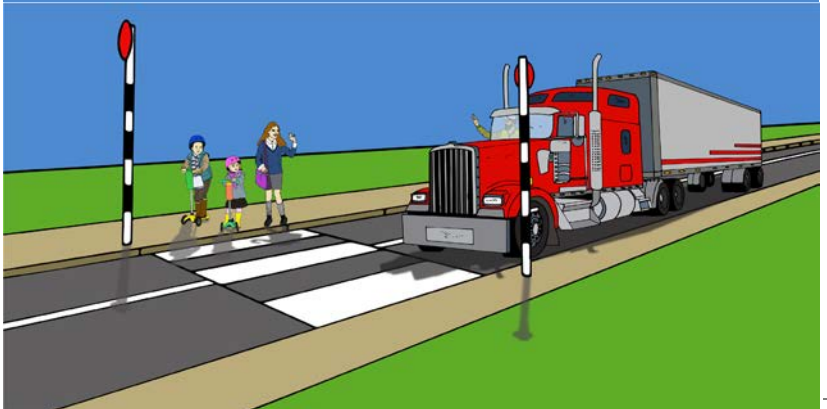
Make eye contact with the driver so you know you have been seen



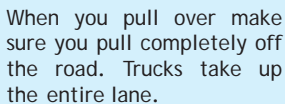
Never step onto a crossing when a truck is approaching, wait for the truck to stop before you cross the road




When you do step out make sure you give the driver a friendly wave





PULL OFF THE ROAD



When you pull over make sure you pull completely off the road. Trucks take up the entire lane.

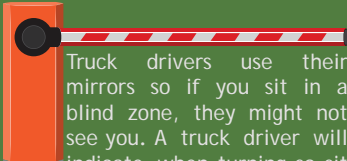
Check your mirrors first before slowing down to pull over 

Make sure you are completely out of the lane so the truck can pass safely 

Don't pull out in front of an oncoming truck—they can't stop quickly 



TRUCK BLIND ZONES



Truck drivers use their mirrors so if you sit in a blind zone, they might not see you. A truck driver will indicate when turning so sit back and be aware.

You have to enter the blind zone to pass so be aware the driver might not see you



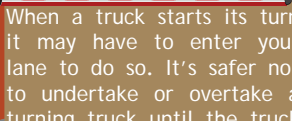
If you can't see the side mirrors on the truck then the driver can't see you




Move out of the blind zone as quickly as you can don't linger





TURNING TRUCKS

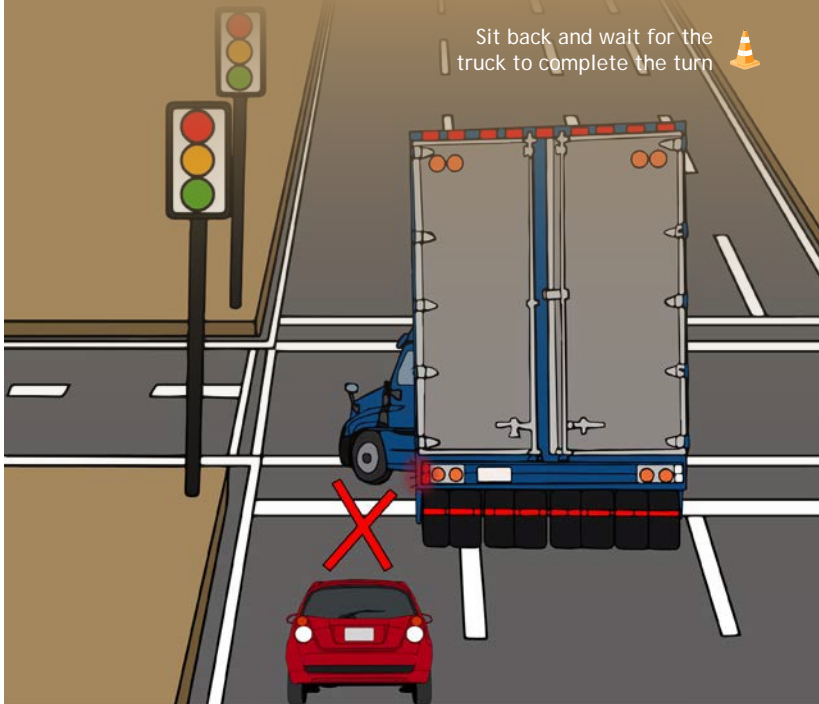


When a truck starts its turn it may have to enter your lane to do so. It's safer not to undertake or overtake a turning truck until the truck has completed its turn.

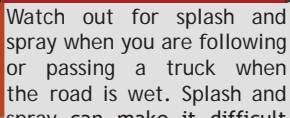
Be aware of the truck drivers blind spots 

On narrow roundabouts allow the truck some extra room 

Sit back and wait for the truck to complete the turn 



UNEXPECTED SPLASH OR SPRAY



Watch out for splash and spray when you are following or passing a truck when the road is wet. Splash and spray can make it difficult for you to see.

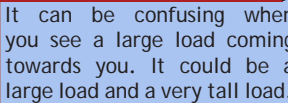
Make sure your wipers are in good condition and your screen is clean 🚧

Don't pull out to pass the truck until you can clearly see your way forward 🚧


If the road is wet, put your wipers on if a truck is approaching 🚧





WIDE LOAD FOLLOWS



It can be confusing when you see a large load coming towards you. It could be a large load and a very tall load.

Immediately slow down and pull as far to the left off the road as you can 

When you see amber and purple flashing lights then get ready to stop. If it's unsafe for you to continue, the driver will have a STOP sign in their hand 

Follow the instructions from the driver of the pilot vehicle at all times 



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