



RISK REMINDER

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Name: _____ Company: _____

Safety Tips for Truck & Bus Drivers

- **Take Care of Yourself** Stay healthy & well rested or don't drive! Hours of service violations are serious and can impact your livelihood or even your life.
- **Always Maintain Your Vehicle** Inspect your truck or bus before & after each trip. Check your brakes and make sure they are in good repair before risking your life and that of others.
- **Be Aware of Your "No-Zone"** One-third of all crashes between large trucks and buses take place in the "No-Zone" or your blind spots. Be vigilant towards other drivers that are not paying attention!
- **Slow Down in Work Zones** Work zone crashes are more likely to happen in the daytime. Stay alert! Nearly one-third of fatal crashes in work zones involve large vehicles. Always expect the unexpected.
- **Keep Your Distance** Because of the size and weight of buses and trucks, they require a greater stopping distance. Make sure that you allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.
- **Fasten Your Seat Belt** Staying in your seat allows you to not only avoid ejection from the vehicle, but you can maintain control. The single most effective thing all drivers can do to save lives and reduce injuries on our roadways is to wear their seat belt.
- **Always Drive Defensively** Avoid aggressive drivers! It is estimated that each year, two-thirds of all traffic fatalities are the result of aggressive driving. Be aware and maintain a safe speed. Excessive speed will only increase your chances for a crash.
- **Monitor Weather Warnings and Road Conditions** Mother Nature's package of fog, ice, snow, wind, or rain impacts everyone's ability to drive safely. Pay attention to weather warnings and weather-related road closures. If you are on the road and the weather conditions deteriorate, slow down and/or safely pull off the road until it improves.



TRUE OR FALSE:

1. True or False – Excessive speed will decrease the chance for a crash. _____
2. True or False – Large vehicles (trucks/buses) require greater stopping distances. _____