



Making the Stop

Conducting a Large Truck or Bus Vehicle Stop

OBSERVE

Identify **traffic violations** associated with large truck and bus crashes.

CONSIDER

Differentiate **safety considerations** that apply before, during, and after a vehicle stop.

DETECT

Detect **potential indicators** of serious vehicle defects or criminal activity.

REVIEW

Recognize the **documentation required** for processing a large truck or bus vehicle stop.

REPORT

Recognize and select the **appropriate boxes** 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?

Larger trucks take more time and distance to stop.

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

The Environment



SHOULDER

Will the shoulder support the weight of a large truck or bus?

Did You Know?

The weight of a large truck or bus may easily exceed 80,000 lbs. The weight of the average car is around 4,000 lbs.

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

The Environment



TRAFFIC RE-ENTRY

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

Did You Know?

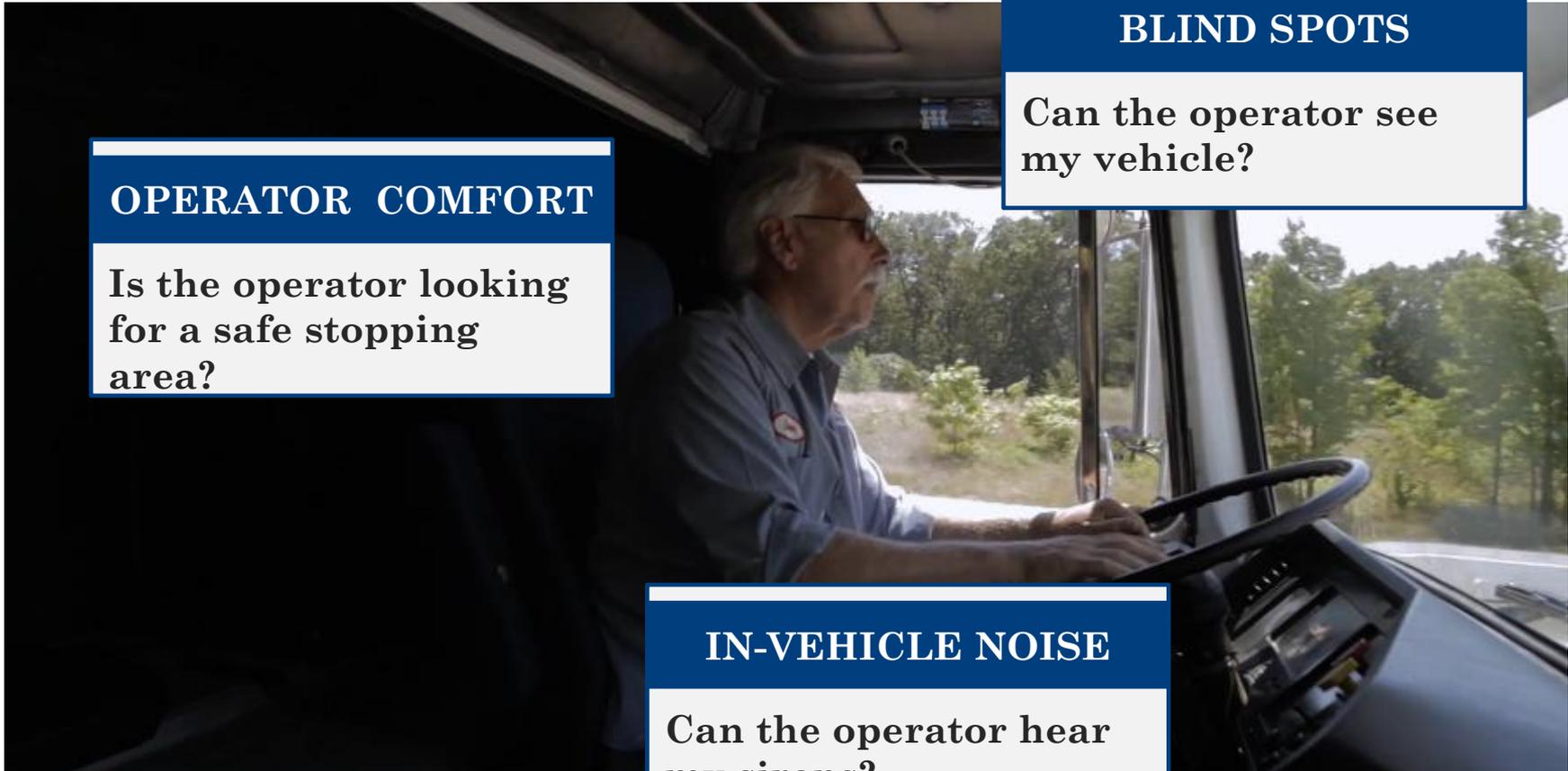
Larger trucks take more time and distance to accelerate and to safely merge into traffic.

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





If the Vehicle Does Not Stop



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

BLIND SPOTS
Can the operator see my vehicle?

IN-VEHICLE NOISE
Can the operator hear my sirens?

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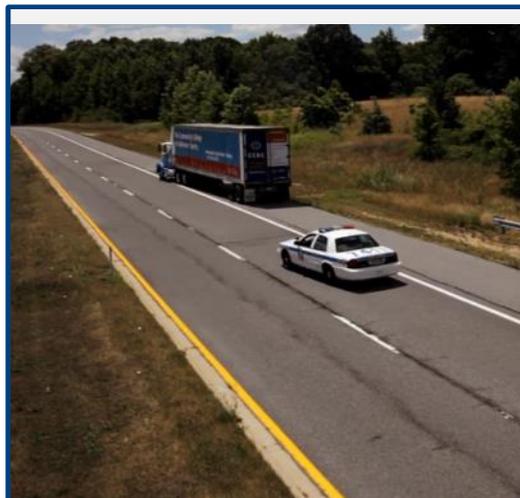
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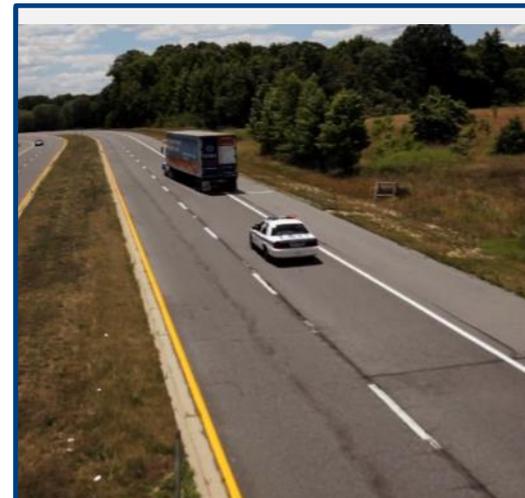
BLOCK

Can approaching traffic see you?



RE-ENTER

Can the vehicle re-enter the lane?



FOLLOW

Can the vehicle get up to speed?



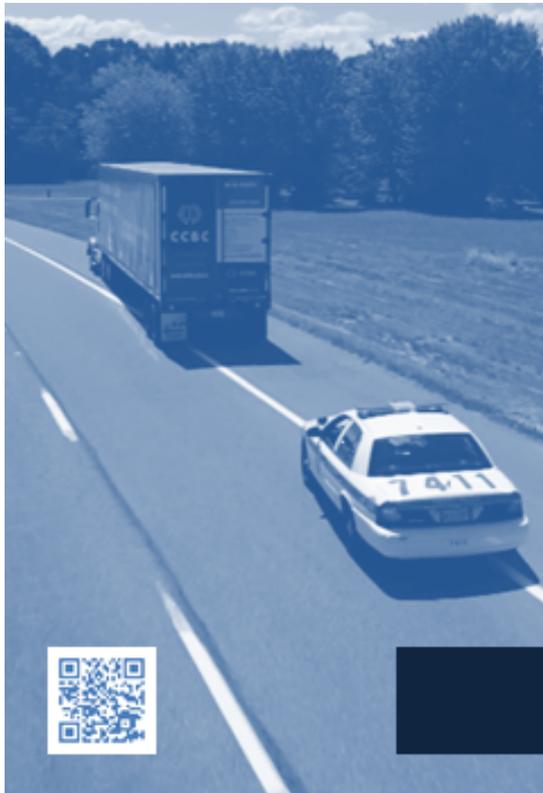
Re-Entering Traffic



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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 road-side 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

Visor Cards

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

