



# Serious Vehicle Defects



# 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.



# Safety



## SERIOUS VEHICLE DEFECTS

Anything that makes the vehicle a hazard on the road.



## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Any material that poses an unreasonable risk to health and safety.



# What to Look For – Serious Vehicle Defects



## **SMOKE**

**May be a sign of engine or brake trouble.**

## **LEAKS AND SPILLS**

**May be any number of engine fluids.**

# What to Look For – Placards



## INFORMATION

Includes the hazard class/division of the material.

**Do not approach a placarded vehicle that is leaking or smoking.**





# Visor Cards

Serious vehicle defects pose safety hazards for everyone on the road.

## **Smoke**

May indicate the vehicle is having engine problems of some kind.

## **Leaks**

May be any number of engine fluids, or the contents of the cargo tank, if the vehicle has one.



***SAFETY HAZARDS***



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LARGE TRUCK AND BUS TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



# Visor Cards

*Hazardous materials are substances or materials that pose a risk to health, safety, and property.*

Vehicles transporting hazardous materials are typically placarded to indicate the presence of a hazard. Additionally, placards identify the type of hazard the material presents.

This information is indicated by the color of the placard and the number in the bottom corner.

If you stop a vehicle that is smoking or leaking fluid and you observe that it is placarded, do not

approach the vehicle under any circumstances.

Contact the appropriate agency and relay the placarding information in such cases.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**