

Sharing The Road with Trucks



*a guide to assist **all** road
users to arrive safely*

PLEASE TAKE ONE

SHARING THE ROAD WITH TRUCKS

KEEP LEFT

Try driving closer to the edge line rather than the centre line. Give yourself and oncoming traffic a greater margin for error!

SIGNS ON TRUCKS

Whilst driving you will notice that different sized trucks have different signs on them. Be aware what they mean and what size the truck will be. Allow yourself extra time and space to overtake or pass these vehicles. Give them the EXTRA space they require to move and turn.

OVERSIZE: The truck and/or its load will be wider, longer, higher or a combination of those dimensions. The truck will display a flashing ORANGE light. May also have escort vehicles in front and/or behind.

ROAD TRAIN: The truck will tow a combination of trailers with a total length of 36-37 metres, allowed to travel at speeds up to 90km/h. You will encounter them on parts of the Newell Highway and many roads to the west.

LONG VEHICLE: The truck will tow a combination of trailers with a total length of 25-26 metres, allowed to travel at speeds up to 100km/h. You will encounter these vehicles on many roads throughout New South Wales.

SLOW DOWN Remember . . . SPEED KILLS!

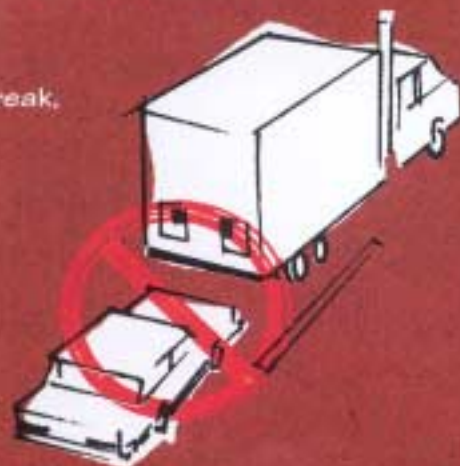
When the road surface or weather conditions are poor, slow down. Poor visibility, due to dust, rain, mud, smoke, fog or snow makes driving more dangerous. So reduce your speed and give yourself a better chance.

FATIGUE IS A SILENT KILLER

Allow yourself and your passengers to take a break, relax and REVIVE . . . DRIVE TO ARRIVE ALIVE!

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Tailgating, when driving a car or truck, is dangerous. It reduces your chances to stop in time and also does not allow the driver of the vehicle in front to properly see you or be aware



of your intentions. Particularly when overtaking. So allow plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front... and enjoy the extra room to move.



CARAVANS

Before setting out on your journey ensure your vehicle and van are properly prepared. Extend rear-view mirrors so you can see behind. Spread the load in the car and the caravan to increase stability.



TURNING TRUCKS

Allow extra space at intersections and roundabouts. Trucks can legally use BOTH lanes when turning.



TRUCKS BRAKING

All trucks need more space when stopping, so don't cut-in at lights and roundabouts.



HEADLIGHTS

Dip your lights to low beam when approaching an oncoming vehicle or when following behind.



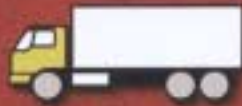
INDICATE YOUR INTENTIONS

Let other drivers know what you're doing by using your BLINKERS, when turning, changing lanes or overtaking.

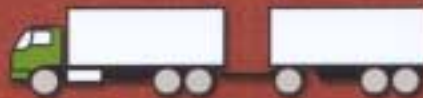


Common Truck Types

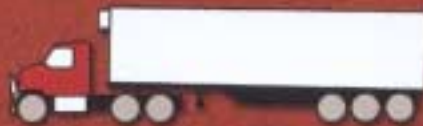
(NOTE: ALL TRUCKS 2.5 METRES WIDE, UNLESS CARRYING "OVERSIZE" SIGNS!)



RIGID: Maximum length 12.5 metres, maximum speed 100km/h, found all over NSW



RIGID AND DOG: Maximum length 19 metres, maximum speed 100km/h, found all over NSW



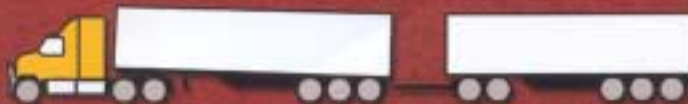
SEMI TRAILER: Maximum length 19 metres, maximum speed 100km/h, found all over NSW



19m B-DOUBLE: Maximum length 19 metres, maximum speed 100km/h, found all over NSW,



B-DOUBLE: Maximum length 25 metres, maximum speed 100km/h, restricted routes throughout NSW, "LONG VEHICLE" sign at rear



DOUBLE ROAD TRAIN: Maximum length 36.5 metres, maximum speed 90km/h, restricted routes in western NSW, "ROAD TRAIN" signs front and rear.

We value your comments!

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