Drivers should...

- Minimize all distractions and follow federal regulations about cell phone use.
- Follow posted speed limits; drive even slower in bad weather.
- Stay healthy! Take breaks and exercise, manage fatigue, and avoid driving while taking impairing medications – prescription and over-the-counter.
- Wear seatbelts. And ensure your passengers do, too!
- Drive sober – never get behind the wheel while impaired by drugs and alcohol.

Owners/Managers should...

- Implement a fatigue management program based on the North American Fatigue Management Program.
- Purchase trucks equipped with underride protection, advanced speed-limiting technologies, collision avoidance systems (then train drivers on their use).
- Establish policies to address driver medical fitness for duty.

4,951

Number of persons killed in crashes involving large trucks in 2018 – an increase of nearly 6% since 2016.*

More work must be done to ensure trucks and truckers operate safely!

*Source: NHTSA/FARS (DOT HS 812 826)
Make commercial trucking even safer!

Commercial trucking is integral to our economy and our American way of life. However, large trucks introduce a disproportionate hazard to passenger vehicle occupants involved in a crash due to their sheer size, weight, and physical properties.

The NTSB’s 2019–2020 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements has identified seven highway issues critical for the trucking industry to address to help minimize the dangers on our roadways: fatigue, speeding, impairment, distraction, medical fitness, occupant protection, and collision avoidance technologies. Improving the safety of truck operations will not only save lives, but increase the public’s confidence in this vital and visible industry.

We’re safer together!

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For more information on truck safety and the NTSB Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements, visit www.ntsb.gov.