



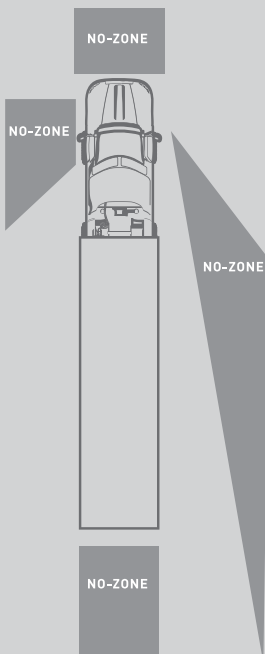
DEVELOP GOOD OBSERVATION HABITS

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OTHER DRIVERS



THE NO-ZONE

The "no-zone" represents the areas around your truck where crashes are more likely to occur. One-third of all crashes between large trucks and cars take place in the "no-zone."



Highway safety is everyone's responsibility; truck drivers, auto drivers and even passengers all play vital roles in making sure everyone arrives to their destinations safely. The more time you spend traveling America's highways, the more important it is to practice self-awareness and good observation techniques to stay safe on the road.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

Did you know

75%



of lane-change/merge crashes are a result of a merging driver not recognizing his or her surroundings?

Drive defensively to avoid accidents caused by the actions of others. Develop safe driving habits such as keeping your distance, maintaining a safe speed and staying alert. Recognizing potentially dangerous situations well in advance can allow you to safely maneuver past these situations.

SCAN AHEAD

Look at least **15 seconds** or **1/4 a mile** in front of you



Looking far enough ahead will allow you to respond early and smoothly to changing conditions and to avoid braking abruptly.

CHECK YOUR MIRRORS FREQUENTLY

Check your mirrors regularly (at least every five to eight seconds) and before you change lanes, turn or merge. Check your mirrors quickly and return your attention to the road ahead. By frequently scanning the road, you will be aware of changing traffic conditions around your truck.

For further information visit the following sites or email drivetostayalive@utah.gov



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