



**North American  
Transport Services**

# PROPER ROUTE PLANNING



As a driver, you must always check your route for low clearances and restricted routes as well as plan ahead every day in regards to where you're going to be spending the night since most truck stops fill out at night and if you park on the shoulder or other areas you might get a parking citation. Don't start driving before you check these things..... Leaving in a hurry without proper planning might cause you to have an accident or a ticket.

Follow these tips to ensure you're planning consciously:

- Always plan your driving time with the slowest scenario in mind, taking into account traffic, red lights, and weather.
- Don't hesitate to contact your dispatcher if you're running late. A good communication with the operations side is crucial. Remember .... Better late than never at all. Going too fast can cause an accident.
- Allow for plenty of time to get where you're going.
- If you are habitually late and in a hurry, try setting your watch and other clocks ahead by a few minutes. You'd be surprised: for some people, this works!
- Always know your route in advance. Listen to the weather channel for weather and road conditions, especially now that winter is approaching.

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