



BLIND SPOTS



Serious accidents can occur when a vehicle enters your many blind spots. You might be thinking about switching lanes and think there's nobody on the intended lane when suddenly you can see a vehicle traveling on that spot.

A blind spot is an area around your vehicle that you cannot directly observe. As a truck driver you have experienced this many times, and unfortunately you can't change what other motorists do on the road, but you can certainly change your own behavior to avoid any regrets.

Keep in mind there are several extremely large blind spots around your truck.

- The first one is right in front of you. To avoid hitting a pedestrian you must always be very careful at intersections and let people walk across before you proceed.

- The second one is on your left, next to your truck. If you need to change lanes to your left, always plan ahead, don't make any sudden movements and signal your intentions ahead of time. Check your mirrors and double check the lane is clear before you switch.

- The third one is on your right. This is the largest blind spot. It covers half your truck and about the length of the trailer. Again as in your left blind spot any lane changes are very dangerous so follow the same tips. If you're making a right turn always make sure you don't have room for a vehicle to try to pass you on the right.

- The last blind spot is on your rear. If you have a tailgater remember the best technique to lose them is to slow down. You will never go fast enough for them to pass you, so be smart.

