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WIND SAFETY TIPS



As a professional truck driver you need to follow your instincts and trust yourself. Many instances deep down we feel the weather is too risky to be driving, yet we push ourselves because we want to make more miles. In April of 2015, sudden high winds in Utah and Nevada stopped freeway traffic for hours after toppling three semi-trucks and causing a 17-car pileup. In Wyoming, the same high winds brought a severe snowstorm that closed the freeway for 20 hours after 50 cars and dozens of semi-trucks crashed.

Extreme weather can happen anytime and anywhere. Because of their height, trucks have a much harder time staying upright in strong winds than cars. Please follow these guidelines for wind safety:

- **Know How Much Weight Is in the Trailer:** you should never attempt to take light or empty trailers through windy conditions. In high winds, the trailer's load and weight become even more crucial to the truck's stability, so pay attention to your BOL and if your load was not pre-loaded, make sure you remember how it was loaded.
- **Balance the Load:** If the truck is too high to endure strong winds, stay off the road. Even if the truck has a full trailer, the wind can still push it around if the truck has a high center of gravity or the load becomes unbalanced. The driver should be aware of how likely the trailer's contents are to shift and how high the truck's center of gravity is.
- **Keep Both Hands on the Wheel:** Wind can jerk the truck's control out of your driver's hands. In high wind, both hands need to stay on the wheel at all times for maximum control.

If you have any questions about this subject, please contact the Safety Department at ext. 1304 or email us at ssandri@nalogistics.com.

And remember..... Safety is not a choice is a must!