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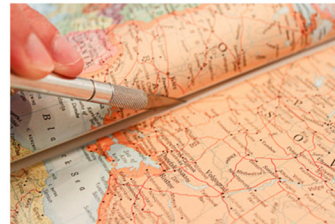
## TIPS FOR DRIVING IN UNFAMILIAR ROADWAYS



Driving a CMV often involves traveling to new cities and towns and drivers may be unfamiliar with the roadway and feel compelled to check a map or get directions while driving. The Large Truck Crash Causation Study (LTCCS) reported that 22 percent of large-truck crashes occurred when CMV drivers were unfamiliar with the roadway.

For this reason, below are some tips to help you get to your destination safely while in unfamiliar roads:

1. Plan your route before you start driving: If you're going to a customer you have never been to before it is always a good idea to contact your driver manager and ask for directions. You should also plan your driving route so you can schedule your mandatory stops and know ahead of time what your day will look like. Make sure your GPS is already set with directions and avoid using it while driving since it's a distraction.
2. Stay focused when arriving to your destination: sometimes drivers miss their exit when in unfamiliar roadways, and trying to suddenly correct a missed turn or exit may result in you performing an illegal or unsafe maneuver which may threaten your safety and the safety of the vehicles around you.
3. Signal ahead of time: Use turn signals to indicate your intent to change lanes, next visually scan for adjacent traffic and road hazards, and then execute a safe lane change. By signaling your intentions well in advance, you will be in a safer position to communicate with the surrounding drivers.



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

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