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CHECK YOUR MIRRORS OFTEN



The Large Truck Crash Causation Study (LTCCS) reported that 14 percent of large-truck crashes occurred due to commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers' inadequate surveillance.

FMCSA states "Inadequate surveillance happens when the driver is in a situation where he/she is required to look to safely complete a maneuver and either fails to look in the appropriate place or looks, but does not see."

You should always check your mirrors constantly, at least every 5 to 8 seconds and before you attempt to make any lane changes, turns, or before you merge. Scan your mirrors quickly and return your attention to the road ahead. Frequent scanning will allow you to be aware of changing traffic conditions around your truck.

It's very common for people behind you to get too close so they're on your blind spot and suddenly try to pass you. For this reason is always recommended to scan your mirrors so you are aware of the fact the vehicle is there and to signal your intentions of changing lanes and wait a few seconds before you start to move onto a different lane.

If you check your mirrors regularly, they can help you see vehicles approaching you. Mirrors will also help you monitor what's happening around your vehicle and may help you identify if a vehicle has moved into your blind spot.

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!