



LANE CHANGING



Changing lanes can be dangerous and difficult to do in heavy traffic, especially for a commercial vehicle. Blind spots make it hard to see all of your surroundings, that is why signaling ahead of time and checking the mirrors several times before attempting a lane change is important. Keep in mind that not signaling is against the law and in most states the “move over” law is in place, which means you are supposed to switch lanes in order to keep your distance from an emergency vehicle parked on the shoulder.

It is always a good idea to choose a middle lane to avoid having to constantly move over due to emergency vehicles or merging traffic. Follow these tips to make safe lane changes:

1. Check your mirrors: look around and confirm you have enough space to do the switch
2. Signal early: other drivers need to be aware of your intentions.
3. Check your no zone: a truck has many blind spots especially on the right side. Make sure there are no vehicles there.
4. Check your surroundings: things change quickly. Double check you don't have a vehicle in a spot you had already scanned.
5. Move slow: don't make any sudden lane changes, they are supposed to be gradual.



If you have any questions, 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..... Drive safely!