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Turning Left and Right

Making left or right turns with long vehicles creates problems that automobile drivers do not have. Blind spots make it difficult to see other vehicles. Vehicle length forces drivers to make wide turns, encroaching upon adjacent lanes of traffic. Improper tracking of vehicles makes it difficult for the driver to judge position. Turning takes longer to complete, thus increasing exposure time to hazards. To minimize hazards, practice these safe driving tips:

Right Turn Tips:

- Signal early. Signal several seconds before your turn.
- Signal continuously. Do not cancel the signal until you have completed the turn.
- Move to the right lane well in advance of intersection. Position your vehicle to make a safe turn.
- When turning, keep the rear of vehicle to the right, blocking other vehicles from passing on the right.
- If encroaching upon other lanes, wait for other vehicles to clear and then turn slowly.
- Remember that improper tracking can cause the vehicle or trailer to ride up onto curb or strike stationary objects.

Left Turn Tips:

- Signal early. Signal several seconds before your turn.
- Signal continuously. Do not cancel the signal until you have completed the turn.
- As you approach the turn, watch for drivers who may misinterpret this signal as an intention to turn somewhere before your intended turning point.
- Don't start turning until there is enough time for the rear of vehicle to clear the intersection without forcing other drivers to slow down or swerve.
- Don't assume other drivers will see you. They may be looking elsewhere.
- Be careful that improper tracking does not cause the vehicle or trailer to interfere with pedestrians and other vehicles.

Remember Accidents do not Happen they are Caused!

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