

SAFETY FIRST

INFORMATION DEDICATED TO DRIVER SAFETY



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When an unexpected breakdown occurs, what can a driver do to ensure his/her safety?

- If possible, leave the roadway at the nearest exit. There are potential fines for illegal parking on the shoulder of the interstate highway as well as on the entrance/exit ramps.
- If you must stop, activate your 4-way warning flashers immediately and pull onto the shoulder as far away from the line of traffic.
- Never pull off of the pavement as the ground is typically not stable enough to support the weight of your vehicle. This could cause your vehicle to get stuck or, even worse, overturn.
- Be careful when exiting the tractor cab to set out your warning triangles.
- If you must open your cab side box to access your triangles, wait for a gap in traffic before doing so.
- Keep an eye on traffic when setting out your triangles.
- When walking to set up your triangles, hold them so that their reflection can be seen by oncoming traffic.

According to the FMCSA regulations Part 392.22, “whenever a commercial motor vehicle is stopped upon the traveled portion or the shoulder of a highway for any cause other than necessary stops, the driver shall, as soon as possible, but in any event within 10 minutes, place the warning devices in the following manner:

- (i) One at the traffic side of and 4 paces (approximately 3 meters or 10 feet) from the stopped commercial motor vehicle in the direction of approaching traffic;
- (ii) One at 40 paces (approximately 30 meters or 100 feet) from the stopped commercial motor vehicle in the center of the traffic lane or shoulder occupied by the commercial motor vehicle and in the direction away from approaching traffic; and
- (iii) One at 40 paces (approximately 30 meters or 100 feet) from the stopped commercial motor vehicle in the center of the traffic lane or shoulder occupied by the commercial motor vehicle and in the direction away from the approaching traffic.” *(Additional information on the placement of warning devices according to the type of roadway, etc. can be found in the FMCSA regulation noted above.)*



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Stay safe by staying off the travelled portion of the roadway.