



TAIL-SWING

TAIL SWING - TURNS

Left Turns-

Step 1 Turn on your turn signal check all mirror for traffic surrounding the truck and proceed to the far-left lane

Step 2 Slow to 10 mph or less

Step 3 Put your hands in the correct turning position & keep your wheels straight

Step 4 Bring the front of the truck to the center of the intersection before you start the turn

Step 5 As you begin to turn, check your right-side mirror for tail swing

Step 6 Watch for problem objects and complete your turn

Step 7 Once the vehicle has completed the turn, check the mirrors, and straighten out the front wheels before accelerating.

Right Turns-

Step 1 Turn on your turn signal check all mirror for traffic surrounding the truck and proceed to the far-right lane

Step 2 Slow to 10 mph or less

Step 3 Put your hands in the correct turning position & keep your wheels straight

Step 4 Bring the front of the truck to the center of the intersection before you start the turn

Step 5 As you begin to turn, check your left-side mirror for tail swing

Step 6 Watch for problem objects and complete your turn

Step 7 Once the vehicle has completed the turn, check the mirrors, and straighten out the front wheels before accelerating.

PREVENTING TAILSWING ACCIDENTS

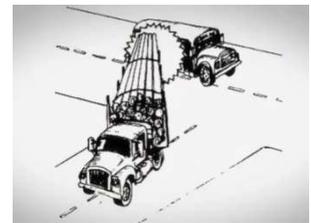
- ✓ Verify that your load's overhang is legal.
- ✓ In most states a legal load is within 14 feet of the center of the back axle.
- ✓ Check your state's requirements.
- ✓ Flag your load
- ✓ most states require caution flags on all loads extending beyond the trailer frame or rear wheels.
- ✓ Some states require a flashing light on the load.
- ✓ Make sure taillights and turn signal lights are clean, visible and in working condition.
- ✓ Before making a turn, move to the extreme edge of the roadway in the direction you are making a turn to provide extra space for the load to swing.
- ✓ If necessary, allow following or approaching traffic to clear before making a turn that would require the load to swing into the lane of travel.
- ✓ Always use extreme caution before and during a turn. Know where the end of your load is going.
- ✓ Be mindful when fueling up and turning there have been gas pumps struck by tail swing from a loaded log truck

REALIZE YOUR SIZE

Know the height, weight, width, and length of your load. Know the regulations regarding height, weight, width, and length of your load. Plan routes that accommodate the size of your load. Check routes for bridges, overpasses, railroad crossings, traffic, intersections and tight turns and curves.

TAILSWING ACCIDENTS

Most load tail swing accidents occur on two-lane roads while making a sharp right-hand turn. A load swing accident can occur when the load swings into oncoming traffic and is struck by an oncoming vehicle. A right turn load swing accident can also occur when the load swings back into your lane of travel and is struck by a vehicle following you. Accidents have also occurred while making left turns, when the extended load swings out striking the vehicle following the log truck.



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Team Safe Trucking's mission is to reduce accidents through enhanced driver training and effective fleet management and to recruit new, safety-focused drivers to deliver a sustainable and profitable supply chain.