Part 9: Information for commercial vehicle drivers

Clearance lamps and reflectors

Every bus or truck must have two red reflectors and one stop light on the back on the vehicle.

Every commercial vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer two metres (80 inches) or more in width must have in addition to the above:

- On the front, one amber clearance lamp on each side.
- On the rear and as high as practical a red clearance lamp on each side.
- On each side an amber reflector at or near the front and one red near the rear.
- Mud flaps mounted immediately behind the rear wheels.
- In the vehicle, three flares, electric lanterns or portable reflectors capable of reflecting red light for a distance of 150 metres (500 feet) under normal nighttime conditions. They must also carry two red cloth flags at least 30 centimetres (12 inches) square.

Portable reflector units

When a motor vehicle is disabled on a highway at nighttime, the operator must place a portable reflector unit or standard at a distance of approximately 30 metres (100 feet) to the rear of the motor vehicle at or near the edge of the roadway.

The driver of a truck 2 or more metres in width, passenger bus, motor vehicle towing a house trailer or a truck tractor is required to display three reflector units, one beside the vehicle, one 30 metres (100 feet) to the rear and the third 30 metres (100 feet) ahead of the disabled vehicle. A Safety Red Triangle is recognized as a portable reflector unit.

Safe driving

It is illegal for a commercial motor vehicle (other than a police vehicle) or a vehicle towing a trailer or a mobile home to follow another vehicle within 60 metres (200 feet) when travelling upon a highway outside a business or residential district except for the purpose of overtaking and passing.