

LEAVE MORE SPACE FOR TRUCKS



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A message from the Kansas Highway Patrol



KANSAS
HIGHWAY PATROL

TOPS PROGRAM

TRUCKS ON PATROL FOR SAFETY

PURPOSE:

The Kansas Highway Patrol has set a goal to reduce the number of fatality, injury, and property damage collisions. With this goal in mind, the KHP is instituting the Trucks on Patrol for Safety (TOPS) program. Passenger vehicles contribute to the overall occurrence of collisions with commercial motor vehicles. Through TOPS, troopers will enforce state laws and federal regulations in and around commercial motor vehicles, as well as educate the motoring public to the dangers around commercial motor vehicles.

TICKETING AGGRESSIVE CARS & TRUCKS:

When cars and semi-trucks collide, cars get the brunt of it, no matter who was at fault. Over the last 10 years, 3 out of 4 people who died in these collisions were riding in passenger cars.

Semi-trucks need at least twice the time and room to stop.

Troopers will stop people who drive unsafely around semi-trucks, whether the person is driving a car or a semi-truck.

TO AVOID GETTING A TICKET:

- Don't cut off semi-trucks. One car length for every 10 miles per hour of speed is recommended.
- Don't tailgate. Unlike cars, semi-trucks have big blind spots behind them. Drivers who tailgate semi-trucks can't see traffic ahead. If the semi-truck brakes suddenly, you have no time to react and no place to go.
- Don't speed. Speeding contributes to one out of every four car/semi-truck collisions in Kansas.
- Allow semi-trucks plenty of room. Be careful when you or the semi-truck are entering a highway or merging with traffic.

For further information, contact the
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