

## HOW TO AVOID U-TURNS

Run-under crashes are one of the most devastating losses a trucking company can experience. A run-under crash can cost thousands of dollars in physical damage and personal injury. However, these crashes are frequently among the easiest to prevent.

Many run-under crashes involve U-turns. A run-under crash caused by a U-turn is possibly the easiest to prevent...never make a U-turn.

### RECOGNIZE THE HAZARDS:

Professional drivers state that making a U-turn is not an acceptable driving technique. When a driver attempts to make a U-turn, the life of the driver and the lives of others may be put in danger. It is important to understand the dangers of making U-turns.

### TWO METHODS DRIVERS CAN USE TO GET BACK ON COURSE WITHOUT MAKING U-TURNS:

In urban areas, find a safe area to turn around. Find an area where a driver can safely turn around without endangering anyone. An open parking lot may work well.

On the highway, circle back through other roads. Roads are interconnected. If a driver happens to miss a turn, chances are a turn or off-ramp exists a few miles ahead. Use them to get safely back on track.

### EXERCISING PROPER DRIVING TECHNIQUES:

- Never make a U-turn
- Always plan your route well in advance
- Properly monitor the speed of approaching vehicles
- Be aware of what other vehicles are doing
- Install and ensure reflective tape is in good condition
- Avoid backing out onto a roadway
- Make frequent, quick glances to mirrors and windows to monitor the blind spots around the truck.



## Knowledge Verification

*Please answer, and forward a completed copy to your Safety Department/Safety Representative.*

1. When a driver makes a U-Turn you are putting others lives in danger? ☐ True ☐ False
2. It is always a good idea for drivers to make a U-Turn when permitted? ☐ True ☐ False
3. It is always safe and best if drivers find a safe place to turn around? ☐ True ☐ False

Driver's Name:

Driver's Signature:

Witness Name:

Date:



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Module 1 - Preventing Rear-End Crashes

Module 2 - Preventing Loss of Control Crashes

Module 3 - Preventing Lane Change Crashes

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Knowledge Verification  
1. True  
2. False  
3. True