



Hazards of Stopping on Highway Shoulders

In the trucking industry, stopping along a busy highway due to an emergency may be necessary. Unfortunately, not everyone recognizes how dangerous this can be for the truck driver and motoring public. Approximately 12% of all interstate highway deaths are pedestrians in the roadway or on the shoulder. Due to this severe risk, drivers are encouraged not to stop along the roadside in non-emergency situations and look for an exit and find a safe place to park. If you absolutely must stop on the side of the road, the following actions can be taken to reduce the risk of a serious accident.

- ❖ Park as far off the traveled roadway as safely possible. Keep in mind that shoulders can be soft and have a steep drop-off or ditch beside it.
- ❖ Turn on 4-way flashers when slowing and leave them on while stopped and set out warning devices.
- ❖ Avoid parking on curves or on the downside of roads that obscure the approach of oncoming traffic.
- ❖ Walk along the side of the vehicle opposite traffic.
- ❖ Notify your employer as soon as possible to arrange roadside assistance as needed.



- ❖ **BE SEEN!** Keep marker lights on after dark, wear reflective clothing (your high visibility safety vest), face oncoming traffic as much as possible, and use a visible flashlight when dark.
- ❖ Avoid falling into traffic by using 3 points of contact when exiting/entering the cab or climbing on the trailer.
- ❖ When you see another vehicle on the shoulder, move over to the next lane whenever possible.



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... is the lucky winner
of the gift card this
month for turning in
his signed newsletter.

August means back-to-school...

Drivers need to be extra
cautious around school
crossings, bus stops and
areas where children walk
or ride bikes to school.



I have read and understand the
above information regarding
“Hazards of Stopping on
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Signature

Date