








THE MONTHLY MILER

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DRT Logistics hauls freight for a multitude of companies. With locations in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Illinois, our team works around the clock to ensure that shipments are delivered safely and on time. Dispatch and Safety are available 24*7 to assist or answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Benn Kingsbury
November 8
Director of Safety

Gary Richard
November 5
Regional IL Driver

Ruston Renn
November 8
DRT Cold Chain

Jesse Zerbe
November 20
Eville Driver

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

Alex Diaz
1 Year
Eville Driver

Tony Holliman
4 Years
PA Driver

Art Snyder
1 year
Eville Driver

William Giranda
1 Year
Eville Driver

Scott Kimmel
1 Year
Dispatcher

Tim Swartz
1 Year
Eville Driver

Paul Hartsworm
1 Year
Regional Driver

Ruston Renn
1 Year
Mechanic

Dale Tschopp
1 Year
Eville Driver

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AVOIDING THE RIGHT TURN SQUEEZE

A right-turn squeeze crash can occur when a truck driver swings out into the left lane to make more room for a sharp, right-hand turn. In doing so, the truck driver leaves too much space between the truck and the curb.

A driver behind the truck can mistake this maneuver as the truck changes lanes and accelerates into the open lane, even if the truck's turn signal is flashing. As soon as the truck makes its sharp, right-hand turn, the trailing vehicle gets squeezed under the trailer or impacts the side of the truck.

This type of crash can be prevented if truck drivers recognize the hazards that increase the risk of a crash and take defensive measures to prevent it. Read the information below and ask yourself if there are actions you can take to improve your driving skills and reduce the risk of a right-turn squeeze crash.

RECOGNIZE THE HAZARDS

ENVIRONMENT

Narrow intersections can make sharp, right-hand turns challenging. Drivers behind the truck may mistake the truck swinging out left as a lane change and move to the open lane to the right of the truck.

EQUIPMENT

If the truck has inoperable turn signals, dirty or obstructed mirrors, or no fender-mounted mirrors, managing the space around the truck, especially the blind spots, is difficult.

PERSONAL BEHAVIORS

Bad technique is arguably the most significant factor in right-turn crashes. When approaching a right turn, the truck driver may fail to activate the turn signal, swing the truck incorrectly into the left lane, and bring the rear of the trailer too far from the curb. Also, suppose the truck driver is not using the mirrors properly to manage the space around the vehicle. In that case, the driver may not see a vehicle moving up on the right side or a pedestrian or stationary object near the curb.

KNOW THE DEFENSE

CONDUCTING A VEHICLE INSPECTION

Check side and fender-mounted mirrors before driving to ensure they are in proper working order and alignment. Pull over if the mirrors need adjusting. Repair inoperable equipment before leaving on a trip.

USE PROPER TECHNIQUE

- When approaching the intersection to turn right:
- Move into the far right lane as soon as possible.
- Slow down and activate the right turn signal in advance to alert other drivers of your intention.
- At the intersection, ensure there is ample space to complete the right-hand turn. If there is not, continue until a safer location is found.
- Keep the rear of the trailer in the far right lane close to the curb.
- Do not swing wide left and cross lane dividers.
- Use the right side mirrors to ensure there are no vehicles, pedestrians or other obstacles in your path.
- Never back up to complete a turn; wait for cross traffic to clear, and then proceed forward.

Note: These lists are not intended to be all-inclusive.

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THE PROPER WAY TO TURN RIGHT

The proper way for a big rig or tractor-trailer to make the right turn is to pull up further than the entire lane that is being entered into, then start a rounded right turn and head back into the right lane where you intend to finish the turn. These pictures will give you an example of what I'm talking about:

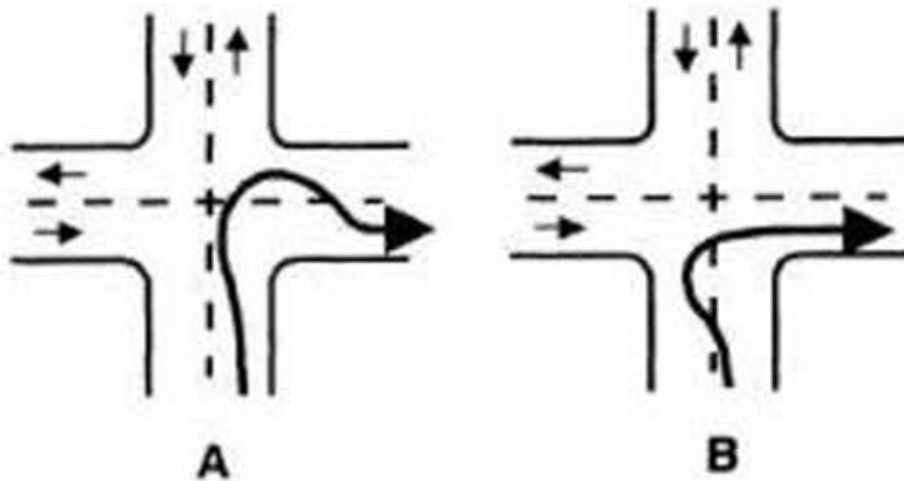


Figure A is the proper right turn some call a button hook.

Figure B is an improper turn often called a jug handle turn.

The idea is to keep the trailer rear in the lane of travel so not to allow another vehicle to slip up the right side of the trailer while you're making a right turn. If you are unable to make this turn, you may have to wait for traffic to clear or continue down the road where you can turn around in a safe location or take a different right or left turn and work your way back to the desired location.



Transport Topics Top News

Goods-Trade Deficit Widens for the First Time Since March

The U.S. merchandise-trade deficit widened in September for the first time in six months as imports grew and some exports plunged.

The shortfall widened 5.7% to \$92.2 billion last month, Commerce Department data showed Oct. 26. The figures, which aren't adjusted for inflation, compared with a median estimate for a gap of \$87.5 billion in a Bloomberg survey of economists.

Exports declined 1.5% to \$177.6 billion. Imports rose to \$269.8 billion, also the first increase since March.

Inbound shipments of consumer goods rose 1.4% to \$69 billion. While imports of consumer merchandise have fallen from a record earlier this year, they remain well higher than the pre-pandemic average.

A 3.1% drop in the value of exports of industrial supplies led the overall decline. Outbound shipments of foods, feeds and beverages plummeted 14%, but account for less volume. Meantime, exports of autos jumped 5%, reversing much of the prior month's decrease.

Trucking Positioned to Weather a Recession, Costello Says

American Trucking Associations Chief Economist Bob Costello said Oct. 25 the trucking industry should be fairly well insulated from a potential recession in 2023.

Costello shared his thoughts during a panel discussion at ATA's Management Conference & Exhibition. The freight market has been very active over the last couple of years, and freight demand is still high even as recession concerns mount.

"I think that we're going to have a mild recession early next year," Costello said. "The U.S. is sort of the best house on a bad block. And so, we're probably going to be able to weather it a little bit better. But there's some really unique things going on in our industry that is going to at least isolate much of us in this room from having anything too difficult."

Costello pointed out that there was a significant shift in spending away from services and towards goods starting in 2020. This was due to the coronavirus pandemic discouraging travel and going out. The trend helped drive the increase in freight demand. But now the economy is transitioning back to normal spending on services versus goods.

Important Reminders

Top 10 ways to be aware about cyber security - Recap for October Cybersecurity Month

1. Be alert | Use common sense and think twice before clicking links, opening attachments, visiting websites, or responding to emails or phone calls. Many cyberattacks can be prevented if you take a moment to consider your actions and potential consequences.
2. Know how to identify phishing attempts | Be wary of emails or calls that require "immediate action" or ask for personal information. Carefully inspect links to ensure they point to a reputable site before clicking, and never respond to messages asking for your username and password.
3. Use 2FA and DUO
4. Create strong passwords | Make a lengthy password using a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. Also, never share your password with anyone.
5. Lock your devices | Never leave your devices unattended. Password protect your phone or tablet and log off or lock your screen whenever you step away from your computer.
6. Keep apps and software up to date
7. Limit activities on public Wi-Fi
8. Back up your computer
9. Protect personal information | Do not store personally identifiable information on your computer unless it's in an encrypted file.
10. Take Trainings

Did You Know?

One of every seven jobs in the U.S. is related to transportation (more than 14% of the nation).

One-third of all semi-trucks operating in the U.S. are registered in California, Florida and Texas.

According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistic's 2021 Annual Report, domestically-produced freight accounts for 80% of the value of freight moved to, from or within the U.S.

Transportation's total estimated contribution to U.S. GDP was \$1,298.1 billion in 2019. Trucking contributed the largest amount of all the freight modes, at \$368.9 billion.

In 2018, roughly 67% of the weight of all goods moved that year traveled less than 250 miles between origin and destination.

Topics and Suggestions Welcomed

If you would like to see a topic discussed or have a suggestion for the newsletter that will bring value to the company, please submit to NWEIERBACH@DRTTRANSPORTATION.COM or BKINGSBURY@DRTTRANSPORTATION.COM.