#### New York City Department of Transportation

# **Cross Over Mirrors for Trucks** New legislation goes into effect January 13, 2012





## What Cross Over Mirrors Do

Because of the height of large trucks, it can be difficult for truck drivers to see what is happening directly in front of their vehicles. This has contributed to a significant number of pedestrian deaths in New York City. Cross over mirrors, installed in front of the cab of a truck, are a simple way of eliminating a truck driver's front "blind spot" and allowing the driver to see any person at least three feet tall and passing one foot in front of the vehicle.

Cross over mirrors are already required on school buses. They are relatively inexpensive and manufacturers typically offer them below list price, as well as provide discounts for bulk orders.

Please contact NYC DOT's Office of Freight Mobility web page at nyc.gov/trucks or call 311 with questions.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 13

Cross over mirrors must be installed on all trucks:

- Qualifying as Commercial Vehicles and
- Registered in New York State and
- Operating in New York City on streets (except for expressways)



Cross over mirrors enable the driver to see:

- Anything at least three feet tall
- Anything passing one foot in front of the vehicle
- The entire width of the front of the truck

#### **NEW CROSS OVER MIRROR LEGISLATION**

Starting in mid-January, a new law goes into effect. This law amends Section 375 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law by adding a new subdivision 10-e to require all trucks, tractors and tractor-trailers or semi-trailer combinations registered in New York State having a maximum gross weight of twenty six thousand pounds or more and a conventional cab configuration in which at least more than half of the engine length is forward of the foremost point of the windshield base and the steering wheel hub is in the forward quarter of the vehicle length, to be equipped with a convex mirror on the front of the vehicle whenever operated within a city with a population of one million or more on highways other than controlled-access highways. This bill was sponsored by Senator Martin Golden and Assemblymember Joan Millman and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on July 18, 2011.

### Driver's Front Blind Spot Without a Cross Over Mirror



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