



New York City Business Integrity Commission

TRADE WASTE INDUSTRY DRIVER AND VEHICLE SAFETY

Town Hall
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AGENDA

- CONVEX ("CROSS OVER") MIRRORS
- PROHIBITED UNSAFE DRIVING PRACTICES
- WORKER TRAINING
- Q&A



CONVEX ("CROSS OVER") MIRRORS

Are required for ALL vehicles owned or operated by carters for the collection, removal, transportation or disposal of trade waste that:

- Have a GVWR of **26,000 pounds** or more, and
- Have a **conventional cab** – engine mounted in front of the driver



Image Courtesy of NYC DOT

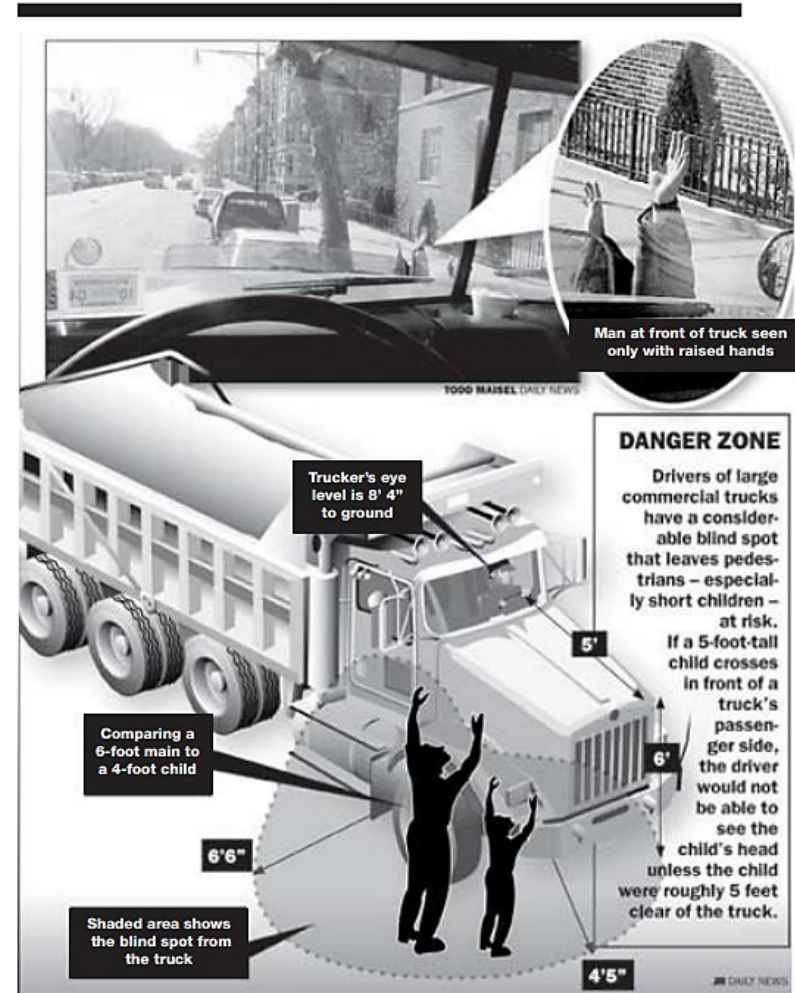


CONVEX ("CROSS OVER") MIRRORS

Correct Mirror Position:

- Driver can see all points on an imaginary horizon line which is:
 - **Three (3) FEET** above the road
 - **One (1) FOOT** directly forward from the midpoint of the front of the truck, and
 - Extends the **full width** of the front of such vehicle or combination of vehicles

Driver's Front Blind Spot Without a Cross Over Mirror



NY Daily News, February 11, 2004





PROHIBITED UNSAFE DRIVING PRACTICES

Trade waste companies may receive:

- **Written Notices of Warning (NOWs)**
- **And subsequent BIC violations**
 - Should a company receive four (4) NOWs within a six (6) month period

If BIC investigators witness any of these **prohibited unsafe practices**:

*BIC investigators also have the authority to issue VTL summonses and may do so as appropriate for violations of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law



ILLEGAL BACKING UP



ILLEGAL U-TURNS



RUNNING A RED LIGHT



DRIVING WRONG WAY



OBSTRUCTING BIKE LANES, BUS STOPS, SIDEWALKS, CROSSWALKS, OR INTERSECTIONS



HELPER RIDING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TRUCK



BIC REQUIRED **ANNUAL WORKER TRAINING**

MUST INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM:

WORKPLACE SAFETY

- Instruction on each type of equipment
- Conducting pre-trip and post-trip vehicle and equipment inspections

TRAFFIC AND SAFE DRIVING

- Conducting a stop
- Backing up
- Container management
- Operating the hopper, fire prevention and response
- Transporting and disposing of specialized waste or hazardous materials

TRADE WASTE OPERATIONAL HAZARDS

- State and local traffic laws like speed limits, yielding, and bus and bike lane restrictions
- Collision avoidance – especially with pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users
- Avoiding distracted driving
- Navigating intersections and turns





DEFENSIVE DRIVING TRAINING

- BIC rules require that all trade waste drivers complete a **defensive driving course**:
 - Every **three (3)** years
 - That is approved by BIC or a state agency that issues licenses
 - **BIC website has information on NYS DMV approved courses:** <https://www.nyc.gov/site/bic/industries/safety-resources.page>



DOT RESOURCES FOR DRIVERS

Click on the links below to **view and download resources** available from Vision Zero and NYC DOT:

These resources can be used during safety training and shared with your drivers!

Print copies will be available at BIC's office or you can order large quantities directly from DOT [at this link](#).

- [Truck Smart Guide](#)
- [Truck Route Map](#)
- [DOT Truck Driver FAQ](#)
- [Cross Over Mirror Flyer](#)
- ['I See You' Safety Video](#)



Q & A

- POLICY QUESTIONS: [**PolicyInfo@bic.nyc.gov**](mailto:PolicyInfo@bic.nyc.gov)
- VIOLATION QUESTIONS: [**Violations@bic.nyc.gov**](mailto:Violations@bic.nyc.gov)
- ONLINE PORTAL ASSISTANCE: [**portalsupport@bic.nyc.gov**](mailto:portalsupport@bic.nyc.gov)