

# IF YOU CAN'T SEE MY MIRRORS, I CAN'T SEE YOU

## FACT SHEET 01 **BLIND SPOTS**

### WHAT'S A BLIND SPOT?

A blind spot is an area where a person's view is obstructed – for drivers of cars and trucks, **blind spots** are where you can't see nearby vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians.

You would think truck drivers have a clear view of the surrounding traffic because they're positioned high in a truck's cabin, right? Nope! It's actually a disadvantage for truck drivers because even with their big side mirrors, they still have four large blind spots:

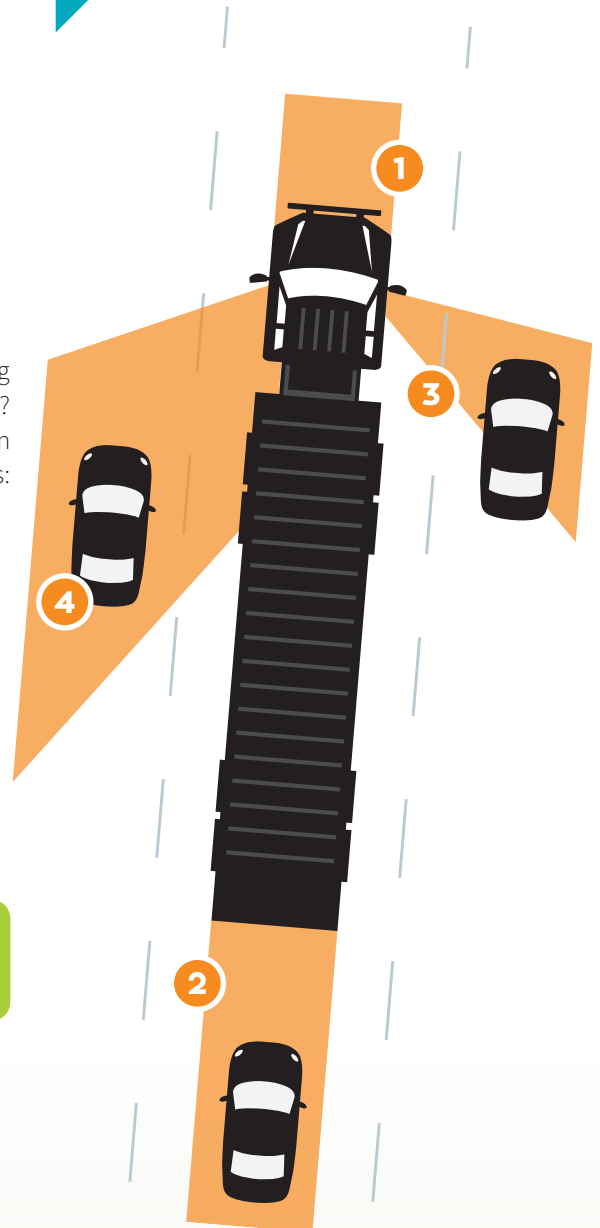
- 1** Immediately in front
- 2** Directly behind
- 3** On the driver's side  
next to the driver's door, extending out
- 4** On the passenger's side, next to the  
passenger's door, extending out and back

**IF YOU'RE IN A TRUCK'S BLIND SPOT,  
YOU ARE INVISIBLE TO THE DRIVER.**

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- Keep a safe distance from trucks – the more the better.
- When passing, indicate early, pass quickly (but safely\*).
- Watch a truck's indicators and brake lights, and respond carefully – if you've left space, you'll have more time.

*\* Don't exceed the speed limit, it'll only make things worse.*



*Based on information from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.*