

HEAVY LOAD COMING THROUGH, TRUCK TYPES & YOU

FACT SHEET 07 TYPES

TRUCKS COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES.

Trucks are everywhere, in city suburbs, country towns, on freeways and highways. You'll encounter a range of different trucks – **you can't avoid them** – you just need to know how they behave on the road.

A ROUGH GUIDE

Smaller rigid trucks, such as courier or removalist trucks, are more mobile and can negotiate corners with a smaller turning circle than a semi-trailer for example.

A **B-Double** is a heavy vehicle that consists of a prime mover towing two semi-trailers. B-Doubles can cruise comfortably on the highway at 100km per hour but can labour going up steep hills without a 'run-up'. B-Doubles need a lot of space to turn corners, so look out.

A **livestock truck** is a purpose-built heavy vehicle for carrying live animals – cattle, sheep, pigs, etc. Drivers have a unique challenge as their freight is unsecured and animals can move and react to their driving.

An **oversize vehicle** carries a load that takes up a heap of room on the road. The load is sometimes wider than the road lane, so you'll have to slow down and even move off the edge of the road if you see one of these coming towards you.

AND NOW YOU KNOW

Do you need to remember each and every type of truck?

No way but it is important to remember these two things – whatever the type or size of truck, all trucks have blind spots and they may not be able to see you. Also, the longer the truck, the more time you'll need to overtake safely.



Rigid Truck (Small)



Rigid Truck (Large)



Semi-trailer



B-Double



B-Double (Livestock)



Low Loader (Oversize)



The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is Australia's independent regulator for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.