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DEFENSIVE DRIVING BASICS SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES

When driving on fast highways, be on the lookout for slow vehicles. If unexpected, these can be just as much of a hazard as speeding vehicles. Large trucks and small, underpowered cars often lose speed on long uphill grades. When entering traffic, they take longer to build up speed. Other vehicles, such as construction equipment and road maintenance vehicles, usually travel at 25 miles per hour or less. The orange triangle displayed on the back of many slow-moving vehicles means that the vehicle cannot travel faster than 25 miles per hour.

Take It Easy

If you encounter a slow-moving vehicle, keep your cool. There is nothing you or the vehicle driver can do to speed up your trip. Stay far enough back so you can see around the vehicle. If you find that it is safe, legal, and necessary to pass the vehicle, allow plenty of room when passing. If you cannot pass, relax. Eventually the vehicle will pull over and let traffic by.

Slow-moving vehicles are usually involved in work that benefits us all in some way. Their presence on the road is one more reason to always allow extra travel time to get to your destination.