



Traffic -  
TotalEnergies Golden Rule no.2

# Watching out for blind spot safety hazards

#SafeDriver



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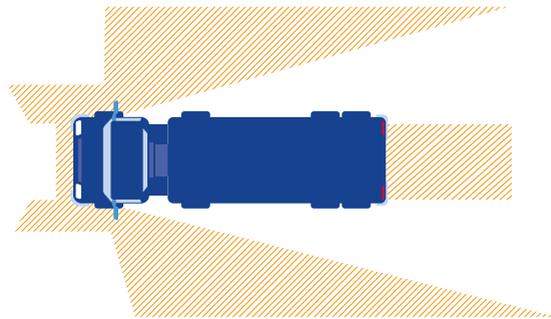


**Blind spots** are areas around a vehicle that the driver cannot see because they are hidden by:

> Structural parts of the vehicle, like the windshield pillar or rearview mirrors.

> Road infrastructure, such as signs and poles, or trees.

> Items placed on the dashboard, stickers on the windshield, dirty or poorly adjusted rearview mirrors, etc.



## Key figures

In serious accidents involving a truck, **one-third** of the victims are vulnerable users.

Source: World Health Organization (WHO)

Risky behavior on the road by vulnerable users is a key factor in **28%** of blind-spot-related accidents.

Source: Belgian Road Safety Institute (BRSI)

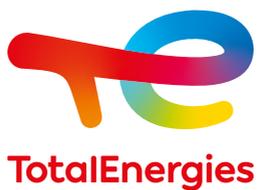
## Best practices

### TRUCK DRIVERS

- Be aware of the vehicle's blind spots.
- Regularly clean the rearview mirrors and remove any items on the windshield or dashboard that could restrict visibility.
- Adjust the rearview mirrors properly before starting your trip.
- Stay a safe following distance behind the vehicle ahead of you (three seconds).
- Plan your next moves and signal them clearly with the turn signal.
- Check the rearview mirrors regularly and look over your shoulder before reversing or changing lanes.
- Slow down if necessary.
- Keep your foot above the brake when you enter a hazardous area.

### PEDESTRIANS, MOTORCYCLISTS AND CYCLISTS

- Stay out of a vehicle's blind spot.
- Never stop below a rearview mirror.
- Make sure drivers see you. If you cannot see the driver's eyes in a rearview mirror or through a window, it means that the driver cannot see you either.
- Whenever in doubt, yield priority to the vehicle.
- Never pass a vehicle on the right or when it is maneuvering.
- Stay a safe following distance behind trucks, especially when coming to an intersection.



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