



Dos And Don'ts To Help You Keep On Truckin'

(NAPS)—Picture this: You're at the wheel of a real truck, driving down the highway, with everything you own in the back.

That's not just some escapist fantasy. It's a great way to save time and money the next time you move. It can also be a grand adventure. Take the scenic route; fit a little "me time" in along the way. Become a tourist for a few days; experience national landmarks or visit long-lost relatives; let your relocation be a bit of a vacation. If you make your move an adventure, you can arrive at your destination more refreshed and less stressed.

To further reduce stress, follow these dos and don'ts:

Do plan ahead. When planning your trip, take into account the time of day you intend to travel and likely traffic patterns. Always leave lots of extra time and be aware of possible bottlenecks along the way.

Don't pack problems. Most truck rental agreements say something like the language from the U.S. Department of Transportation that prohibits the "carrying or hauling of explosives and other dangerous articles." That means you can't pack paint, chemicals and cleaning materials, flammable solvents, propane, gasoline and the like. Check with your rental agent if you're not sure about a particular item.

Do know about the "NO" zone. Trucks also have big blind spots, what the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration calls the "No-Zone." You should know where these areas are, especially when changing lanes or coming to a stop.



Driving off with all your worldly goods in the back of a rental truck can be more than a move, it can be an adventure.

Don't load the truck until you know how to drive it. Take a practice ride first. Make sure you can find and understand the use of all the truck's switches and gauges. Adjust the seat and side mirrors so they match your height and comfort zone.

Do be extra vigilant. "Trucks are taller, wider and may weigh up to 10 times more than the average car," explained Don Mikes, senior vice president—rental, Penske.

Don't neglect to get insurance. "Most insurance and credit card companies won't cover truck rentals under existing policies," Mikes added. If your insurance company is among them, consider signing up for additional coverage options to protect yourself and your belongings. You may feel more confident knowing that his company offers free 24/7 emergency roadside assistance.

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