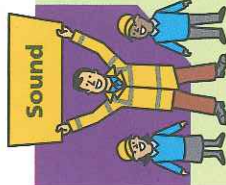


The TACS messages are divided into 3 areas:



- **Blind spots:** truck drivers have blind spots at the front, back, left side and right side of their vehicles. If you stand in a driver's blind spot, he won't be able to see you and could run you over
- **Mirrors:** truck drivers can only see so much in their mirrors. A good rule to remember is: if you can't see a driver in his mirrors, he can't see you
- **Reversing:** because truck drivers can't see what's directly behind them, trucks give out warnings when they are going backwards (white lights, beeping or voice recording). If you see or hear any of these things, get out of the way



- **Truck noise:** the noise produced by a truck's engine, wheels and the wind means that truck drivers can't hear what's going on outside their cabs
- **Other factors:** truck drivers may also have their radios on and their windows shut, making it even harder for them to hear anything
- **You can shout all you like:** with all this noise, if you shout at a driver to stop because you or a friend is behind their truck, they won't be able to hear you



- **Dimensions:** a 44 tonne truck is as long as a whale, as tall as a giraffe and as heavy as 7 elephants
- **Stopping distance:** when it brakes, a fast-moving truck needs to travel almost the length of a football pitch before it can come to a stop
- **Stay out of the road:** even if your bike or ball goes into the road, don't go running after it – a bike or ball can be replaced. You can't
- **Stay away from the kerb:** when a truck turns left at a junction, the driver can't see anything at the left side of the cab. To avoid getting crushed, stay as far away from the kerb as possible
- **Keep your distance:** never go near the front, sides or back of a truck or any other large vehicle



Keeping children safe around trucks

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trucks & child safety

road safety demonstration invitation to parents & guardians

Trucks and Child Safety is a national road safety programme aimed at raising awareness of large vehicles and their associated dangers among children aged 7 to 11. Run by the DHL UK Foundation and DHL employees, TACS teaches children how to avoid getting injured or killed by trucks and other large vehicles by a live, on-site demonstration.

A live TACS demonstration will be held at:

Date: Time:

As a parent or guardian, we strongly encourage your participation in this event. By attending this demonstration, you will be able to engage with the issues, take the TACS messages home and talk further with your child about road safety.

