

# SMART DRIVER<sup>®</sup>

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN YOU FACE AN EMERGENCY STOP

When an equipment failure occurs or another emergency forces you to pull off the roadway, commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operators are required under Part 392.22 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) to follow specific rules to alert other motorists of your situation. Below is a simple graphic and additional safety tips to keep in mind should you need to make an emergency stop. Read the information below and refer to the regulations to ensure you meet compliance requirements and protect yourself from harm.

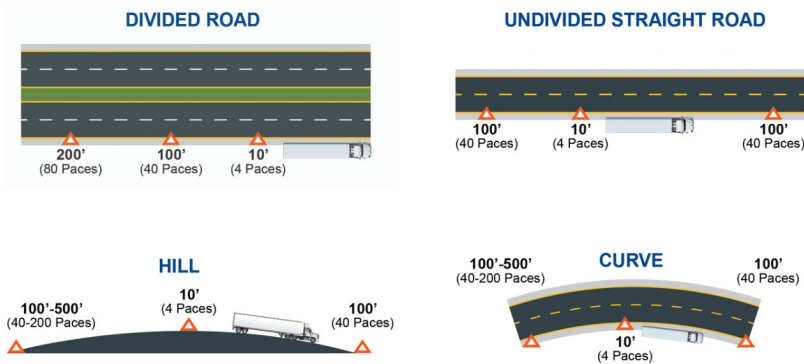
### HAZARD WARNING SIGNAL FLASHES

After stopping the truck, activate the hazard warning lights before placing the external warning devices (i.e., warning triangles, fuseses or liquid-burning flares) around the truck. The hazard lights must remain on while picking up the warning devices and moving the vehicle. Hazard lights are not a substitute for placing warning devices around the truck.

### PLACEMENT OF WARNING DEVICES

Except for necessary traffic stops, warning devices must be placed around the truck within 10 minutes of stopping. The diagrams below show the proper placement of warning devices.

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### ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS

- If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Wear a reflective vest when working outside the truck. If you do not have a reflective vest, carry the reflective triangles up near your chest when walking around the vehicle.
- Use a flashlight in the dark to make yourself more conspicuous, and watch for slip, trip, and fall hazards.
- Avoid walking near the roadway; walk along the side of the truck opposite the moving traffic lanes.

### AS PER ONTARIO REGULATION

Every commercial motor vehicle on a provincial highway from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise must have a sufficient number of the following emergency warning devices:

- Flares, lamps or lanterns capable of continually producing two warning lights, each visible from a distance of at least 150 metres (500 ft.) for at least eight hours or
- Portable reflectors

\*\*\* It's important for trucking companies and drivers to refer to the specific State/Provincial or territorial regulations as well as the Canadian federal standards to ensure compliance with all applicable rules regarding disabled vehicles and hazard warnings.

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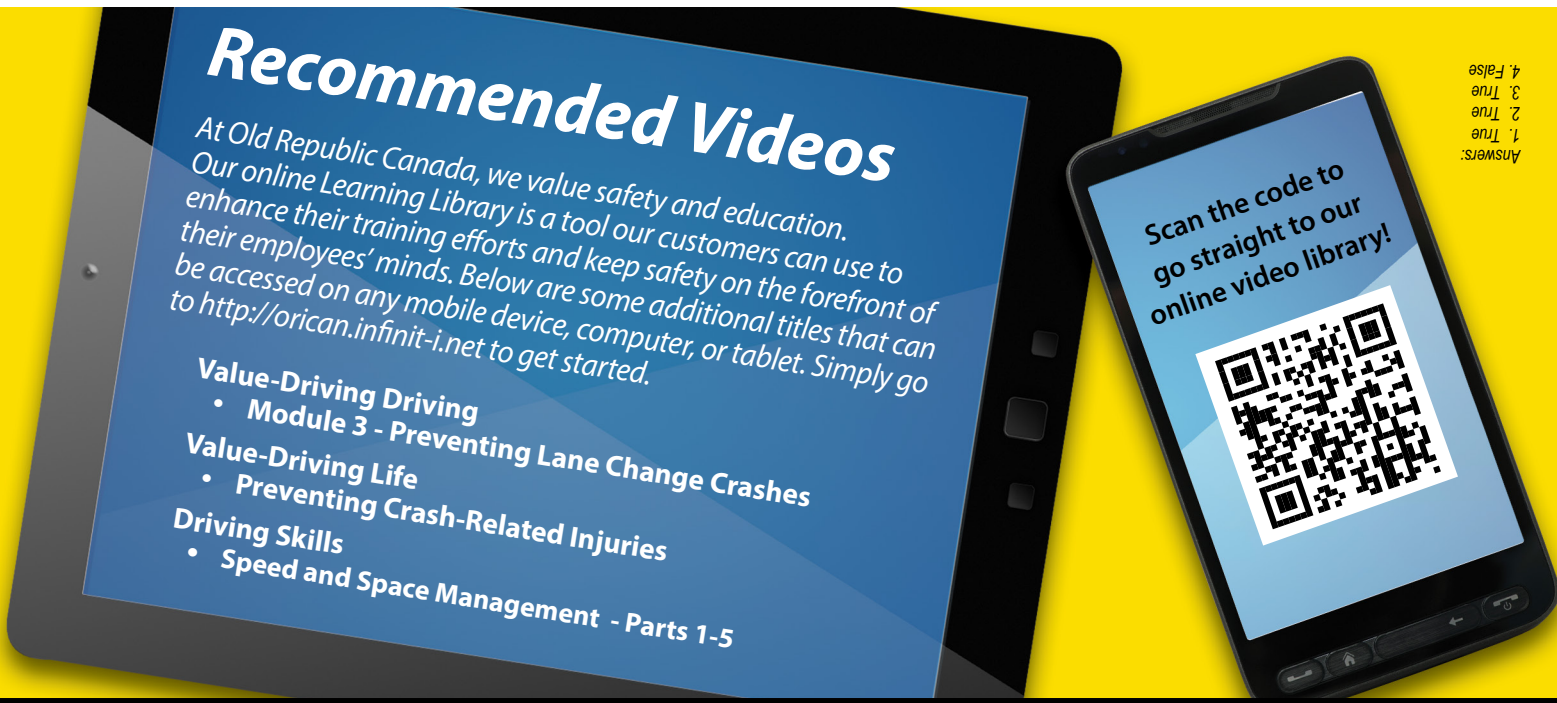
Driver's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer, and forward a completed copy to your Safety Department/Safety Representative.

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| 1. You should wear a reflective vest when working outside the truck  | True | False |
| 2. You should always avoid walking near the roadway when working outside the truck   | True | False |
| 3. Activate the hazard warning lights before placing the external warning devices<br>(i.e., warning triangles etc.) around the truck | True | False |
| 4. Warning devices must be placed within 30 minutes of an emergency stop   | True | False |



Answers:  
1. True  
2. True  
3. True  
4. False



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