

FALL HARVEST- ROAD SAFETY

Fall Harvest is in full swing and it's a great time to review road safety for drivers and agricultural producers!



That Time of Year--Fall Considerations:

- Daylight hours continue to decrease each day-turn on your headlights early so others can see you.
- Fog is more likely in the early morning hours in the fall.
- Increased potential for dew or wet road conditions.
- Increased wildlife movement due to harvested fields, migration, and fall hunting.



Driver Safety for All:

- Keep a minimum of 3 vehicles lengths between you and the next vehicle or piece of equipment. *It only takes 5 seconds (length of a football field) to reach a piece of equipment moving 15mph if you are driving 55mph.*
- Equipment cannot stop on a dime->*It takes a loaded semi and trailer an average of 196ft to stop when traveling at 55mph.*
- Be patient when passing- Wait for producers to waive you around or pull over as you may not be able to safely see oncoming traffic.
- Pull over and let equipment pass if safe to do so.
- Take care and give plenty of room when passing equipment that has broken down on the side of the road.
- Watch for turning equipment (both directions) as they need extra space to safely navigate corners.

SAVE LIVES--> LOOK 2X & SLOW DOWN!!!

Equipment Pre-Movement Check-List

- Escort vehicles are available for use on highways or busy roads
- Slow Moving Signs and reflector tape are attached and visible
- Lights and flashers are installed and working
- Loose debris (i.e. mud, stalks) has been removed
- Loads are covered and traps have been closed
- All hitches, hydraulics, safety pins, bars, etc. are correctly attached and working
- Windshields and mirrors are clean
- Equipment is in good general working condition
- Safe pull-off locations to let vehicles pass have been identified
- Equipment operation and transport safety has been reviewed with all operators (including pulling-out, letting vehicles pass, pulling over, signaling turns, seatbelt use, etc.)
- Attachments have been removed or folded up to reduce road width
- Emergency markers and supplies are available if equipment breaks down or there is an accident



Resources:

National Ag Safety Database:

nasdonline.org

Colorado Department of Transportation:

cdot.gov/safety

U.S. Agricultural Safety & Health Centers-
Tractor Safety Videos:

[youtube.com/results?](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=tractor+road+safety)

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