

# Trucks Using Multi-Lane Highways



Throughout Georgia many operators of commercial vehicles are ignoring the Georgia traffic law relative to traffic lane usage. Please, take heed, convictions for violation of Georgia's lane usage may **adversely** affect your Commercial Driver's License. **Drive safely, abide by the law, and keep your C.D.L.**

## (O.C.G.A. 40-6-52)

- A "truck" is defined as any vehicle equipped with more than six wheels except buses and motorcoaches.
- On roads, streets, or highways with three or more lanes allowing for movement in the same direction, it shall be unlawful for any truck to operate in any lanes other than the two most right-hand lanes, except when the truck is preparing for a left turn.
- On roads, streets, or highways with two lanes allowing for movement in the same direction, it shall be unlawful for any truck to operate in the left-hand lane, except when the truck is actually overtaking and passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn.

## (O.C.G.A. 40-6-51)

- Truck traffic is **not allowed inside the perimeter** of Atlanta. All trucks traveling on I-75, I-85, or I-20 must take I-285 around the city, **except for the following reasons:**
  1. Pick up or delivery to or from a shipper physically located inside I-285;
  2. Going to or from the carrier's terminal facilities physically located inside I-285;
  3. Going to or from a repair facility for service which is physically located inside I-285;
  4. A driver going to or from his residence located within the perimeter.



A Safety Message from Project P.I.E.  
(Public Information & Education)  
FACT SHEET #07  
Georgia Department of Public Safety  
Motor Carrier Compliance Division  
P.O. Box 1456  
Atlanta, GA 30371-1456  
(404) 624-7211 [www.dps.georgia.gov](http://www.dps.georgia.gov)