

SAFETY ALERT

HAZARD

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Potential Hazards

- Exposure to carbon monoxide gas will impair a driver's ability to safely operate a truck, as the signs & symptoms include:
 - Dull headache
 - Weakness
 - Dizziness or Confusion
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Shortness of breath
 - Blurred vision, and eventually
 - Loss of consciousness

Preventative Actions

- Thorough pre-trip inspection conducted by the driver, specifically checking the condition of the flex pipe.
 - A break or leak in the pipe can be identified by black marks appearing on the pipe from the escaping exhaust.
- Regular periodic inspections completed by a certified shop mechanic.
- Carbon monoxide detectors installed inside the cab of trucks as an early warning system before drivers begin to experience the associated negative effects.
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Incident Summary

- There have been several incidents reported recently where truck drivers have become overwhelmed by truck exhaust fumes within the cab of their truck.
- The carbon monoxide fumes enter the cab of the truck through a leak or cracked flex pipe.
- The drivers have all complained of feeling dizzy or light headed and nauseous after inhaling the fumes even for just a short period.



SAFETY COMES FIRST

...and it starts with the person you see in the mirror.

