

## Understanding Truck Drivers

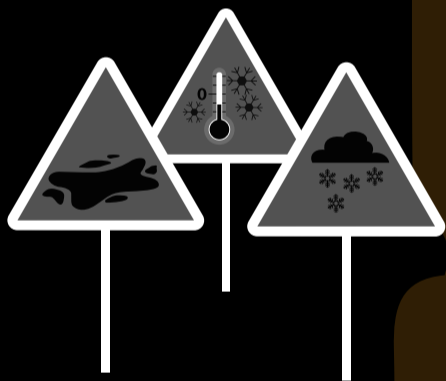
### DOWNGRADES

Trucks use their brakes extensively on steep downgrades, especially if they are carrying cargo.

#### Keep in mind



**Due to their weight and size,** trucks have longer braking distances than a car. Be careful when braking in front of them.



**Snow, hail, or mud** On steep downgrades with snow, hail, or mud, a truck could jackknife if it tries to brake.

**If a truck's brakes give out** and there is no runaway truck ramp nearby, the driver will try to drag the trailer along an adjacent slope to slow down.

