

Hazardous materials are substances or materials that pose a risk to health, safety, and property.

Vehicles transporting hazardous materials are typically placarded to indicate the presence of a hazard. Additionally, placards identify the type of hazard the material presents. This information is indicated by the color of the placard and the number in the bottom corner.

If you stop a vehicle that is smoking or leaking fluid and you observe that it is placarded, do not approach the vehicle under any circumstances.

Contact the appropriate agency and relay the placarding information in such cases.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



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LARGE TRUCK AND BUS TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Serious vehicle defects pose safety hazards for everyone on the road.

Smoke

May indicate the vehicle is having engine problems of some kind.

Leaks

May be any number of engine fluids, or the contents of the cargo tank, if the vehicle has one.

SAFETY HAZARDS



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