

When making a stop of a large truck or bus, your primary concerns should be:

- **Can the driver of the vehicle see your lights and hear your sirens?**
- **Is there anything about the road-side environment that would deter the driver from pulling over?**

To minimize these concerns, be sure to position your patrol car so that the driver can see you in the side mirrors. Also make sure that the shoulder of the road will support the weight of the vehicle and that there is adequate

distance for stopping and for getting up to speed when reentering traffic.

Do not stop on curves, hills, or steep grades.



MAKING THE STOP



If you approach the vehicle on the driver side, be sure to stay aware of traffic. Approaching the vehicle on the passenger side provides a safer option.

In either case, use the vehicle's mirrors to maintain awareness of what the driver is doing inside the vehicle.

Use extra caution around doors, or if you climb on the vehicle.



STAY ALERT

