



# Safety On The Road

## Moving Yourself Right

(NAPSA)—Many people these days are taking things into their own hands when it comes to moving to a new home. If you're ever among them and you need to rent and drive the moving truck, there are a few facts and figures that can help you save time, trouble and money:

- **The tall story.** “Trucks are taller, wider and may weigh up to 10 times more than the average car,” explained Don Mikes, senior vice president—rental, Penske. “You have to be extra vigilant.”

- **Don't be blindsided.** Trucks also have big blind spots, what the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration calls the “No-Zone.” You should know where these areas are, especially when changing lanes or coming to a stop.

- **Don't pack problems.** Most truck rental agreements say something like the language from the U.S. Department of Transportation that prohibits the “carrying or hauling of explosives and other dangerous articles.” That means you can't pack paint, chemicals and cleaning materials, flammable solvents, propane, gasoline and the like. Check with your rental agent if you're not sure about a particular item.

- **Plan ahead.** When planning your trip, take into account the time of day you intend to travel and likely traffic patterns. Always leave lots of extra time and be



**Riding high:** If you're renting a truck to move yourself, bear in mind that trucks are much taller and wider and take longer to stop than cars.

aware of possible bottlenecks along the way.

- **Familiarize yourself with the vehicle.** Make sure you can find and understand the use of all the truck's switches and gauges. Adjust the seat and side mirrors so they match your height and comfort zone.

- **Insure yourself.** “Most insurance and credit card companies won't cover truck rentals under existing policies,” Mikes added. If your insurance company is among them, consider signing up for additional coverage options to protect yourself and your belongings. You may feel more confident knowing that his company offers free 24/7 emergency roadside assistance.

- **Learn more.** You can find other moving facts and tips at [www.PenskeTruckRental.com](http://www.PenskeTruckRental.com) and (800) GO-PENSKE.