Right-Turn & Intersection Safety Checklist

Training or route review

Driver / reviewer / date

Intersection or route / equipment

Approach

- ☐ Identify the correct truck route and lane early. Consider vehicle length, trailer off-tracking, overhead clearance, and signs.
- ☐ Reduce speed before the turn and signal early enough to communicate your intention.
- ☐ Check mirrors and the crossing area for pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, and vehicles beside the trailer.
- ☐ Leave room to stop. Do not enter an intersection unless the entire vehicle can clear it.

Complete the turn

- ☐ Follow lane markings and lawful truck-turn instructions. Avoid a left swing that invites traffic to pass on your right.
- ☐ Track the trailer through the turn and monitor the right-side gap, rear wheels, front overhang, and tail swing.
- ☐ Yield to people and traffic with the right of way. Stop if a road user enters a conflict area.
- ☐ If the turn cannot be made safely, stop and seek a safer route or assistance. Do not force another road user out of the way.

Observed hazard / safer setup / route change

Follow-up

Skill to practice / responsible person

Review date / outcome

FMCSA: Truck and bus driver tips FMCSA: Inadequate surveillance