

Attention Truckers!

California's Diesel Idling Law

Who does the law apply to?

Diesel-fueled commercial vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds that are operating in California, regardless of where the vehicles are registered.

1. Idling for more than 5 minutes is prohibited within California borders, including idling while using sleeper berths to rest/sleep.
2. If you have NOx technology, idling and using an auxiliary power system for more than 5 minutes is prohibited within 100 feet of residential or school zones.
3. At schools, drivers of commercial diesel vehicles and school buses must turn off their engines immediately upon arriving and restart no more than 30 seconds prior to leaving.

Exceptions!

1. Stuck in traffic.
2. When idling is necessary for inspecting or servicing the vehicle.
3. Operating power take-off devices (cement mixers, garbage trucks, etc.)
4. Cannot move because of adverse weather conditions or mechanical failure.
5. Queuing (must be beyond 100 feet from any residential area).
6. Busses may idle for up to 10 minutes when passengers are boarding or onboard.

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