

ATTENTION TRUCKERS! California 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. Buses may idle for up to 10 minutes when passengers are boarding or onboard.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION **FOR TRUCK AND BUS DRIVERS!**



Regarding California's Anti-Idling Regulations

DOES YOUR DIESEL TRUCK HAVE A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING GREATER THAN 10,000 POUNDS? If yes, then the following applies to you.

IDLING FOR MORE THAN 5 MINUTES IS PROHIBITED WITHIN CALIFORNIA'S BORDERS. AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008, THIS PROHIBITION ALSO APPLIES TO SLEEPER BERTH TRUCKS DURING PERIODS OF SLEEP AND REST.

WHY IS THERE AN IDLING LIMIT?

Unnecessary idling:

- Produces emissions that contribute to cancer, premature death, and other serious health problems.
- Wastes fuel and contributes to global warming.

WHAT ARE THE VIOLATION PENALTIES?

Fines start at **\$300** and can be as much as **\$1000** per day. Violators may also face criminal charges.

IF I CAN'T IDLE, WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT CAB COMFORT?

Here is a list of some available idle reduction technologies:

- Battery-Powered Auxiliary Power Systems
- Fuel-Fired Heaters (restrictions apply - visit www.arb.ca.gov/noidle for details)
- Diesel-Fueled Auxiliary Power Systems (restrictions apply - visit www.arb.ca.gov/noidle for details)
- Truck stop infrastructures that provide heating, cooling, electricity, and/or other services at various locations throughout California
- Visit www.arb.ca.gov/cabcomfort for information on these and other idle reduction technologies.

ARE THERE SITUATIONS WHEN IDLING IS ALLOWED?

Yes, idling under the following situations is acceptable:

- You are stuck in traffic.
- When idling is necessary for inspecting or servicing your vehicle.
- You are operating a power take-off device.
- You cannot move because of adverse weather conditions or mechanical failure.
- You are queuing (must be beyond 100 feet from any residential area).
- Your truck's engine meets the optional NOx idling emission standard and your truck is located beyond 100 feet from any residential area.
- Please visit www.arb.ca.gov/noidle for a complete list of exemptions.

ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY TO IDLE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGIES?

Yes, here are some restrictions that apply:

- You cannot operate a diesel-fueled auxiliary power system for more than 5 minutes if you are located within 100 ft of a residential area.
- If your truck has a 2007 or newer model year engine, your diesel-fueled auxiliary power system or fuel-fired heater must meet additional equipment requirements.
- Please visit www.arb.ca.gov/noidle for more information.

DOES MY TRUCK NEED A NEW LABEL?

A special hood label is required if:

- Your truck has a 2007 or newer model year engine and you operate an engine-based auxiliary power system within California, or
- Your truck's engine meets the optional NOx idling emission standard and you idle for more than 5 minutes within California.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Contact the California Air Resources Board at 1-800-END-SMOG (1-800-363-7664)
- Visit Our Program Webpage at: www.arb.ca.gov/noidle.

Other laws, regulations, and restrictions may apply. Nothing in this fact sheet or in the referenced regulation sections allows idling in excess of other applicable laws, regulations, and restrictions.

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