



FACTS ABOUT

Changes to California's Commercial Vehicle Idling Regulation

Idling diesel trucks and buses create toxic air pollution, contribute to global warming, and waste costly fuel – and in some cases, the operator may be breaking the law.

Find out how you can help keep emissions in check so we can all breathe easier.

Which vehicles are covered?

Heavy-duty diesel vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lbs. or heavier.

How long can I idle?

Idling for more than 5 minutes is prohibited within California's borders (exceptions apply). While at a school, the driver must shut down the engine immediately upon arrival and leave within 30 seconds of starting the engine. For more information on idling limits at schools, see the [School Bus Idling factsheet](#).

What must you do if cited by an ARB representative?

Provide the following:

- Driver's license
- Vehicle registration
- Motor carrier information (Motor carriers must provide their drivers with motor carrier information.)

What are the fines?

Vehicle owners and drivers may receive fines, starting at \$300 and can be as much as \$1000 per day. Vehicle owners can now be responsible for citations issued to drivers of their vehicles.

Are there situations where idling is allowed?

Yes. Idling is allowed in the following situations:

- You are stuck in traffic
- When idling is necessary to inspect or service your vehicle
- You are operating a power take-off device
- You cannot move due to adverse weather conditions or mechanical failure
- A bus with passengers on board or idling for up to 10 minutes prior to passengers boarding.
- You are queuing (must be beyond 100 feet from any restricted area)
- Your truck's engine meets the optional low-NOx idling emission standard, and your truck is located more than 100 feet from any restricted areas (clean-idle label required). Restricted areas include: housing units, schools, hotels, motels, hospitals, senior care facilities or child care facilities.

See www.arb.ca.gov/noidle for a complete list of exemptions.

If I can't idle, what can I do about cab comfort?

Listed below are some available idle reduction technologies:

- Battery-powered auxiliary power systems
- Fuel-fired heaters (restrictions apply; see www.arb.ca.gov/noidle)
- Diesel-fueled auxiliary power systems (restrictions apply; see www.arb.ca.gov/noidle)
- Truck stop hookups that provide heat, cooling, electricity and other services throughout California

Visit www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/cabcomfort/cabcomfort.htm for further details on these and other idle-reduction technologies.

What restrictions apply to idle-reduction technologies?

- You may not operate a diesel-fueled auxiliary power system for more than 5 minutes when you are within 100 feet of any restricted areas.
- Diesel-fueled auxiliary power systems (APS) on trucks with 2007 or newer model year engines must meet additional requirements (verified clean APS label required)
- Fuel-fired heaters must meet certain emission standards

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If I see a truck illegally idling, what should I do?

Call us at 1-800-END-SMOG or email helpline@arb.ca.gov with the following information:

- Date and time you saw the violation
- Location (cross streets or address, and city) of the incident
- License plate number from the front of the truck, including state
- DOT, MC and MX number from side of door
- Company name and any identifying marks on the truck
- Details about the observed idling violation

Your calls or email will be kept anonymous, if requested.

Where can I get more information?

- www.arb.ca.gov/noidle
- 1-800-242-4450 or 916-322-7061