



# California's Truck Idling Rules are Enforced

## Know the rules and your options

Any law enforcement department, including air districts and CARB, can fine a 10,000 pound or greater truck owner and driver up to \$1000 per day for illegal idling (13 CCR 2480 & 2485).

### Where can't trucks idle?

Within 100 feet of these restricted areas, even with a certified Clean Idle engine/sticker:



Homes



Schools



Hospitals



Senior Care  
Facilities



Childcare  
Facilities

### When can trucks idle?

For up to 5 minutes in most other parts of California, and for longer in these conditions:

- ✓ With certified Clean Idle engine and while queuing in unrestricted areas
- ✓ In adverse weather conditions
- ✓ Using a power take-off device
- ✓ In traffic
- ✓ During mechanical failure
- ✓ For certain inspections



## What are the benefits of not idling?

### Save money

- Restarting a truck uses less fuel than idling.
- Between ½ and 1 gallon of fuel is used for every hour of idling.
- At \$4 per gallon, a diesel truck idling for only an hour per work day can cost \$500-\$1000 annually.
- Save on maintenance costs and increase the life of the vehicle: Idling an engine can cause twice the wear and tear on engines as driving at regular speeds.

### Quieter for your neighbors

### Less air pollution means fewer illnesses and deaths from lung and heart diseases

## How can you stay comfortable in the cab?

- Use battery-powered auxiliary power systems.
- Use electric hook-ups that provide heating, cooling, and electricity.
- When possible, open windows and wear layers.

**Myth:** Diesel particulate filter (DPF) regeneration requires idling.

**Fact:** DPF regeneration passively occurs at driving speed engine temperatures. To achieve the temperature needed to regenerate the DPF while idling requires injecting about ½ gallon of fuel into the engine on top of the fuel already wasted during idling.

**When in doubt, turn it off.  
For you, your family, your friends,  
and your community.**

Visit [arb.ca.gov/noidle](https://arb.ca.gov/noidle) for more information CARB's idling rules.