FACTS ABOUT

California’s Anti-Idling Regulations

Commercial idling restrictions

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.

What are the fines?
Fines start at $300 and can be as much as $1000 per day. Violators may also face criminal charges.

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
• You are queuing (must be beyond 100 feet from any residential area)
• Your truck’s engine meets the optional low-\( \text{NO}_x \) idling emission standard, and your truck is located more than 100 feet from any residential area

See [www.arb.ca.gov/noidle](http://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](http://www.arb.ca.gov/noidle))
• Truck stop hookups that provide heat, cooling, electricity and other services throughout California

Visit [www.arb.ca.gov/cabcomfort](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cabcomfort) 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 within a 100 feet of a residential area
• Trucks with 2007 or newer model year engines with diesel-fueled auxiliary power systems or fuel-fired heaters must meet additional equipment requirements

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Does my truck need a new clean-idle 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 \( \text{NO}_x \) idling emission standard and you idle for more than 5 minutes within California
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 violation
- Location (cross streets or address, and city) of the incident
- License plate number, including state
- Any identifying marks on the truck (company name, etc.)
- Details about the observed idling violation

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

Where can I get more information?
- www.arb.ca.gov/noidle
- 1-800-242-4450

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