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School's Out, Kids Are About

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It's summertime, which means schools are out and there are a lot more children running about. Kids love big trucks, especially concrete mixer trucks. With schools having ended and the advent of summer already here, the added number of children out and about, and also younger drivers on the roads, bring with it a need for taking extra precautions while operating mixer trucks throughout the summer months. Adding countless more individuals moving, walking, running and traveling on and near travel routes, construction sites and pour locations requires drivers to be more alert, focused and fast reacting.

Watch Out for Children Around Mixer Trucks

During the summer months operators of mixer trucks and other industry vehicles, need to employ their best judgement when navigating to, from and while on construction and pour sites, especially residential pours. Drive extra slowly in residential areas. Children often can be harder to see, are unpredictable and make rapid movements, necessitating vigilance on behalf of the industry's drivers. Mixer drivers need to be predictable. Don't make sudden maneuvers that others, particularly children on foot or on a bicycle, may not be expecting. If possible, while on residential pours, communicate with children the importance of staying a safe distance from the mixer truck.



Dos and Don'ts for Operating Mixer Trucks Around Kids

- Think first... especially in residential areas
- Get out and look before backing
- Always double check mirrors before and while moving
- Don't solely rely on cameras or proximity sensors
- Expect the unexpected from children, start out moving slowly
- Slowdown in residential areas
- Phone down, eyes up
- Obey speed limits
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists
- Use extra precaution at crosswalks

Resources

- NHTSA: [Child Safety](#)
- FMCSA: [CMV Driving Tips - Driver Distraction](#)
- NRMCA: [Working On and Around Mixer Trucks](#)
- NRMCA: [Backing Accident Prevention Program](#)

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