



WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

RCW 46.37.400

Mirrors, backup devices.

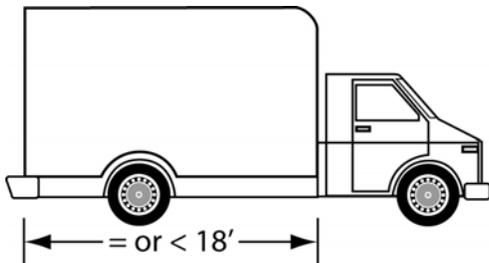
(1) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror mounted on the left side of the vehicle and so located to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.

(2) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with an additional mirror mounted either inside the vehicle approximately in the center or outside the vehicle on the right side and so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.

(3) Every truck registered or based in Washington that is equipped with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to eighteen feet long used in the commercial delivery of goods and services must be equipped with a rear crossview mirror or backup device to alert the driver that a person or object is behind the truck.

(4) All mirrors and backup devices required by this section shall be maintained in good condition. Rear crossview mirrors and backup devices will be of a type approved by the Washington state patrol.

(RCW 46.37.400 does not pertain to recreational vehicles or rental vans used to transport personal property.)



Outside of cargo box equals 18 feet or less.

C.J.'s Law

Little C.J. Norton was tragically killed when a delivery truck backed over him in a Lynnwood parking lot.

C.J.'s grandparents pushed for a new law, which was passed by the Washington legislature in 1998, to require mirrors or other devices to warn drivers of impending danger before backing up, and prevent this type of accident in the future.

This regulation became effective September 30, 1998.



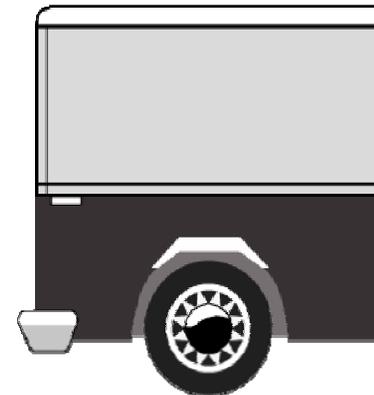
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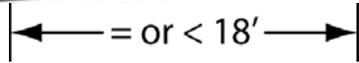


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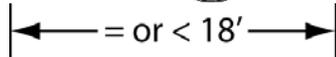
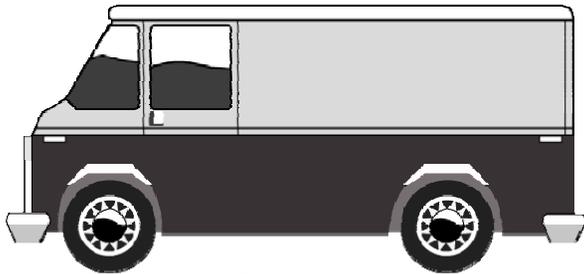


“C.J.’s Law” requires certain cube-style delivery trucks to have rear crossview mirrors or a backup device to alert the driver when someone or something is behind the vehicle.

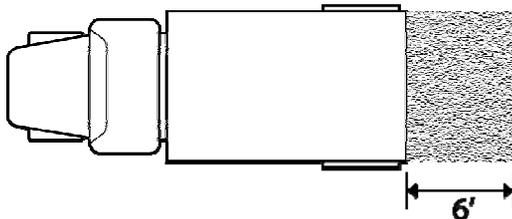
Washington Administrative Code



Outside of cargo box equals
18 feet or less.



18 feet or less from bulkhead
to rear of vehicle.



Minimum 6 foot zone behind vehicle under
observation by driver via mirrors, video
camera, motion-detection device, etc.

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Mirrors and backup alert devices.

A motor vehicle must be equipped with mirrors as outlined under 49 CFR 571 and RCW 46.37.400. The mirror mountings must provide for mirror adjustment by tilting both horizontally and vertically. The following definitions must be used for additional backup alert devices or mirrors:

(1) Backup alert devices means any type of motion detection device, laser device, camera, or television device mounted on a truck with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to eighteen feet long, which will warn the driver of the detection of a person or object at a minimum of six feet to the rear of the vehicle and also encompass the width of the rear of the vehicle.

(2) Rear crossview mirrors mean any type of mirrors which, when mounted, will allow the driver of a truck with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to eighteen feet long, to view a minimum distance of six feet to the rear and encompass the width of the rear of the vehicle in order to be able to detect an object or person. These crossview mirrors must be installed in a manner that will satisfy the above requirements.

Small vans and delivery vehicles that do not require or allow the driver to walk in and out of the cargo area are not covered by this regulation.

