



Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Laws



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Law (ECL) prohibits heavy-duty vehicles, including diesel trucks and buses, from idling for more than five minutes at a time.

Exceptions are when your vehicle is:

- Stuck in traffic
- Idling for maintenance purposes
- Powering an auxiliary function or apparatus such as a concrete tumbler
- Involved in an emergency situation
- A diesel fueled truck operating in an ambient air temperature below 25F for more than 2 hours

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Less idling time is good for the environment because it reduces air pollution, noise and fuel use. It also saves money for diesel operators and consumers and contributes to a cleaner atmosphere.

The diesel idling regulation is found in Title 6 NYCRR, Subpart 217-3 and will be enforced by DEC Conservation Officers. **You may be fined from \$375 to \$15,000 in the case of a first violation.**

No matter what kind of vehicle you drive, remember to:

- Drive at the speed limit
- Avoid sudden stops or starts
- Resist topping off the fuel tank
- Check tire pressure monthly
- Keep your vehicle well maintained

Remember—only five consecutive minutes of idling are allowed. Your lungs will thank you for it.

For more information, please see our website:

www.dec.state.ny.us
or call (518) 402-8292