

## California's Anti-Idling Regulations

Does your diesel truck have a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 10,000 pounds?

If yes, then the following applies:

Idling for more than 5 minutes is prohibited within California's borders. As of January 1, 2008, this prohibition also applies to sleeper berth trucks during periods of sleep and rest.

Why is there an idling limit?

Unnecessary idling:

- Produces emissions that contribute to cancer, premature death, and other serious health problems.
- Wastes fuel and contributes to global warming.

What are the violation penalties?

Fines start at \$300 and can be as much as \$1000 per day.

Are there situations when idling is allowed?

Yes, idling under the following situations is acceptable:

- You are stuck in traffic.
- When idling is necessary for inspecting or servicing your vehicle.
- You are operating a power take-off device.
- You cannot move because of 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 NOx idling emission standard and your truck is located beyond 100 feet from any residential area.

Are there restrictions that apply to idle reduction technologies?

Yes, here are some restrictions that apply:

- You cannot operate a diesel-fueled auxiliary power system for more than 5 minutes if you are located within 100 ft of a residential area.
- If your truck has a 2007 or newer model year engine, your diesel-fueled auxiliary power system or fuel-fired heater must meet additional equipment requirements.

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