Hazard Warning Devices: A How-To Guide

Hazard warning devices are required whenever a commercial motor vehicle is stopped upon the traveled portion of a highway or the shoulder of a highway for any cause other than necessary traffic stops.

**Scenario 1: Two-Lane or Undivided Straight Road**

Placement of warning devices would be the same if the vehicle is parked on the shoulder.

**Scenario 2: One-Way or Divided Highway**

Placement of warning devices would be the same if the vehicle is parked on the shoulder.
Scenario 3: Hills, Curves, and Other Obstructions

Placement of warning devices would be the same if the vehicle is parked on the shoulder.

Use Your Flashers!
Don’t forget to use your hazard warning flashers immediately when stopping. Use them while placing hazard warning devices and while picking them up.

Timing is Everything
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Regulations require hazard warning devices to be properly placed as soon as possible, but no later than 10 minutes after stopping.

Please refer to the following FMCSA Regulations:
§393.95(f): Outlines the devices you need
§392.22: Outlines where to place the devices

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