TRUCK SIDEGUARD ORDINANCE

TRUCK SIDEGUARDS
City agencies only contract with vendors that have properly installed:
• side guards
• convex mirrors
• cross-over mirrors, and
• blind-spot awareness decals.

This applies to motor vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds, and semi-trailers with a total weight that exceeds 26,000 pounds.

These features reduce the risk of unprotected road users from falling into the sides of vehicles and getting caught under rear wheels.

The ordinance does not apply to:
• agricultural trailers
• fire engines, and
• trucks used exclusively for snow removal.

KEEP IN MIND
• You need a sideguard inspection before starting work on a City contract.
• Tool boxes can be used as sideguards, but, they must meet all required measurements
• Subcontractors who regularly work in Boston are also subject to these requirements.
• Even if you rent trucks for a job, you still need to meet these requirements.
• For larger fleets, inspectors will conduct off-site inspections. But, this depends on our availability, and how far away your vehicles are.

CONTACT US FOR AN INSPECTION
Inspectional Services Department
1010 Mass Ave., Boston, MA 02118 | 617-635-5300

To request an inspection online, visit boston.gov/sideguard-inspections

For more Inspectional Services information, visit boston.gov/isd

SIDEGUARD REQUIREMENTS

STICKER

CAN WE SEE EACH OTHER?
EYE CONTACT MAKES A SAFE COMMUTE

• Safety Yellow or Bright Yellow color.
• Minimum of 3 stickers located in vehicle blind spots.

SIDE VIEW

BOTTOM VIEW

Max 12”

Max 14” below structure of vehicle

Max 21.5” above ground

Max 5”