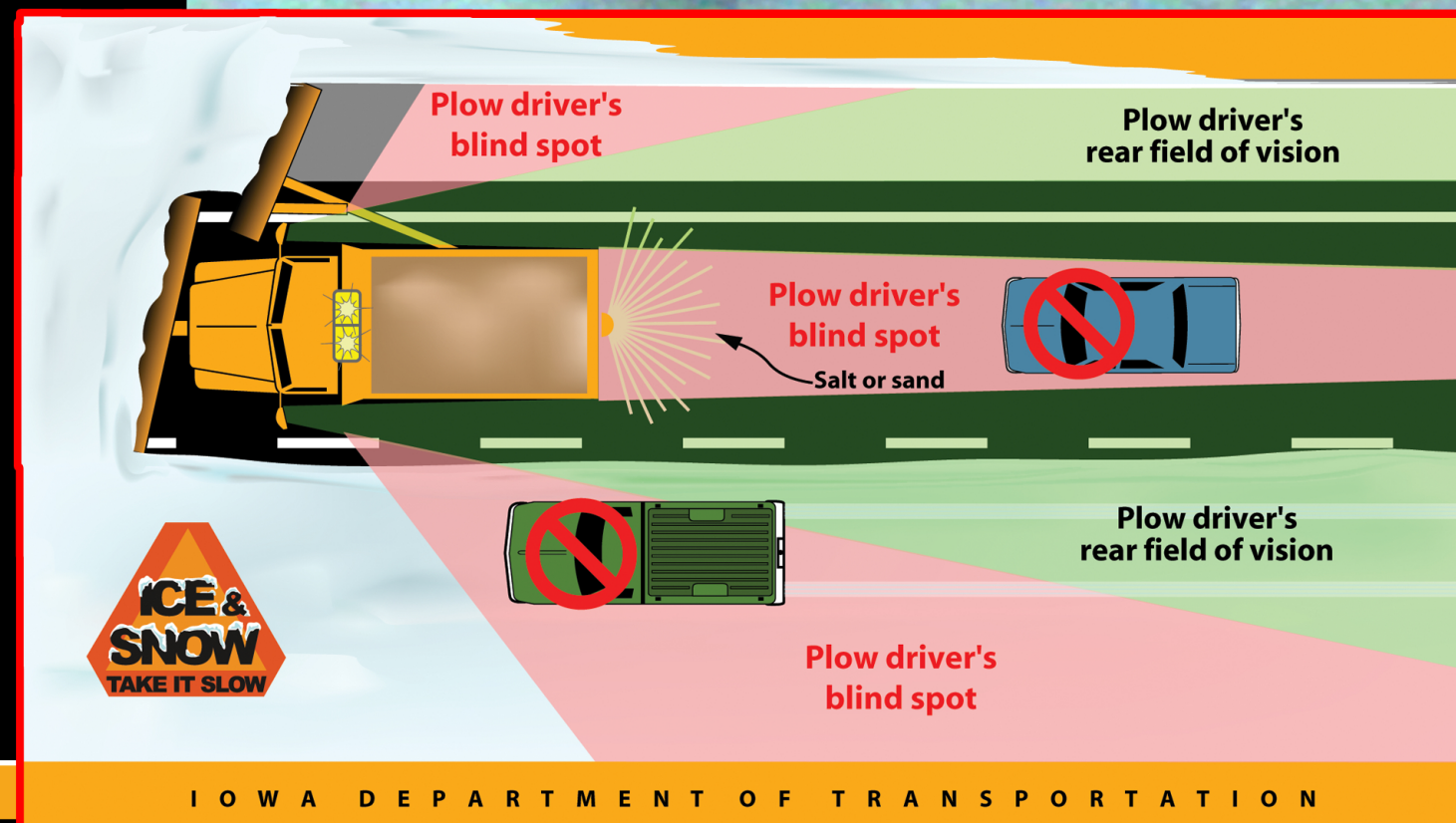


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Safe Travel Around Snowplows

- **Don't crowd the plow.**
Maintenance vehicles plow far and wide — sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing operations.
- **Don't tailgate or stop too close behind snowplows.**
Snowplows are usually spreading deicing materials from the back of the truck. They may need to stop or take evasive action to avoid stranded vehicles. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay behind it or use caution when passing. The road behind a snowplow will be safer to drive on.
- **Don't travel beside a plow for long periods.**
When plowing through a snowdrift or packed snow, the impact can move the truck sideways.
- **Snowplows can create a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero in less time than you can react.**
Drive smart. Never drive into a snow cloud — it could conceal a snowplow.
- **Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds while removing snow and ice from the roads.**
When you spot a plow, allow plenty of time to slow down.
- **Watch for snowplows operating in either lane of travel or in pairs.**
- **A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted.**
You may see them, but they may not see you.
- **Plows turn and exit the road frequently.**
Give them plenty of room.



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