

7-Step Truck Stop Success Protocol

Your Mobile Reference for Safe, Respectful RV Overnight Parking

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STEP 1: Pre-Arrival Verification (Do This First)

- ☐ Verify corporate policy allows RV parking at specific location
- ☐ Research local anti-vagrancy ordinances using municipal website
- ☐ Identify backup locations within 50 miles
- ☐ Check recent user reviews on iOverlander or RV LIFE
- ☐ Plan arrival before 8 PM to assess conditions

STEP 2: SAFER Security Assessment

- ☐ **Surveillance:** Multiple functioning cameras covering parking areas
- ☐ **Access:** Multiple entry/exit points for emergency egress
- ☐ **Foot Traffic:** Consistent but moderate legitimate activity
- ☐ **Environment:** Consider weather, events, seasonal factors
- ☐ **Response:** Verify law enforcement response capability

STEP 3: Arrival Protocol

- ☐ Check with facility management if policy unclear
- ☐ Make purchase to show good faith (fuel, food, supplies)
- ☐ Locate designated RV areas or automobile sections
- ☐ Avoid truck-designated spaces unless specifically directed
- ☐ Position for easy departure without blocking adjacent spaces

STEP 4: Professional Workspace Respect

- ☐ Never park at fuel islands longer than fueling time
- ☐ Avoid 70-foot+ spaces designed for tractor-trailers
- ☐ Keep slides retracted unless in designated RV camping areas
- ☐ Maintain 6-foot clearance for adjacent truck maneuvering
- ☐ No outdoor setup (chairs, awnings, grills, camping appearance)

STEP 5: Overnight Conduct Standards

- ☐ Generator use only during approved hours (typically 6 AM - 10 PM)
- ☐ Use facility restrooms rather than gray water dumping
- ☐ Respect quiet hours and minimize external noise
- ☐ Keep exterior lights on but close window coverings
- ☐ Secure all external storage compartments

STEP 6: Safety Maintenance

- ☐ Park under lighting with clear sight lines
- ☐ Monitor surroundings periodically
- ☐ Keep communication device charged and accessible
- ☐ Trust instincts - leave if conditions change
- ☐ Have emergency contact protocol established

STEP 7: Departure Excellence

- ☐ Depart by 10 AM unless in paid RV area
- ☐ Leave parking area cleaner than found
- ☐ Thank facility staff for accommodation
- ☐ Share positive experience with RV community
- ☐ Note successful locations for future reference

Emergency Departure Triggers - Leave Immediately If:

- Multiple people approaching vehicles for money/assistance
- Evidence of recent vandalism (broken glass, damaged vehicles)
- Groups gathering without clear business purpose
- Staff reluctant to discuss security
- Unusual concentration of abandoned vehicles

Key Legal Verification Steps:

1. Search municipal code online for "vehicle dwelling" or "parking ordinances"
2. Call city clerk's office: "Are RV overnight stays permitted at commercial establishments?"
3. Contact police non-emergency line about enforcement policies
4. Ask truck stop manager about local law enforcement relationships

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Corporate policies and local laws subject to change. Always verify current conditions.