

KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

Tractor trailer trucks are an unavoidable part of being on the road, with 5.6 million tractor trailers registered in the United States, logging 140 billion miles per year. With 500,000 accidents involving trucks occurring annually, it's important to recognize the factors that can contribute to the catastrophic nature of big truck accidents.

WEIGHT

LBS

A commercial truck weighs about 40 tons, whereas the average car only weighs approximately 2.5 tons.

SIZE

-75 FT

Trucks average 70 to 80 feet in length. If a driver is not properly trained in turning, they may cause the truck to jackknife.

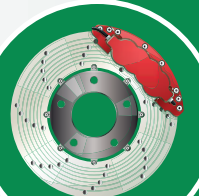
CARGO ISSUES

Cargo issues such as unbalanced loads, cargo shifts, and improperly secured loads can impact crash dynamics.



MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Lack of general maintenance can increase the risk of a tractor trailer accident. Daily vehicle inspections are required by law.



REACTION TIME

40%

Trucks take 40% longer than cars to react in the event of a hazard and they require more braking distance.

UNSAFE DRIVING PRACTICES

Frequent lane changes, failure to use turn signals, and following too closely are never safe choices.



SPEED

Speed is a major contributor in 45% of rollover truck crashes. Speeding is of particular concern for trucks as they can weigh up to 20 times more than an average vehicle.



DISTRACTED DRIVING

Driving while distracted increases the risk of a crash by 23 times. Distracted driving can be caused by phone use, eating, using a GPS, or talking while driving.



DRIVER FATIGUE

Driver fatigue is responsible for about 30% of all accidents. By law, commercial drivers should only be on the road for a maximum of 10 hours per day.

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BLIND SPOTS

Due to the extensive blind spots associated with tractor trailers, truck drivers have limited visibility of the vehicles around them.

