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## CAUSES OF TRUCK ACCIDENTS

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**Speeding** is a factor in the majority of trucking accidents, because it leads to driving more recklessly and having less time to react to situations that occur on the road.

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Truck drivers are not immune to the dangers of **drinking and driving and other impairments**. It accounts for far too many trucking accidents on the nation's highways.

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**Distracted driving** is becoming so problematic that it is now considered to have taken over impaired driving as the number one cause of accidents across the country.

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Stopping and turning can be negatively impacted by **improperly loaded cargo**. If the cargo shifts, the driver may lose control of the rig.

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Because truckers often drive for many more continuous hours than the typical driver, it's important that they are getting enough sleep to avoid **fatigue**.

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It's always recommended that a driver conduct a pre-trip inspection of their truck to spot any apparent dangers and **defective equipment**, and fix them as necessary.

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A schedule of **routine maintenance** can help prevent accidents. This may be the responsibility of the driver or the company that owns the vehicle.

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A driver who fails to check their blind spots, who weaves in and out of traffic, changes lanes without signalling or otherwise **drives recklessly** is making the road a dangerous place.

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When an **inexperienced driver** is behind the wheel of a truck, they may make costly mistakes simply because they are in a situation they haven't encountered yet.

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A **lack of familiarity** can be deadly. When a driver gets behind the wheel of an unfamiliar truck or gets on a road they haven't driven on before, accidents are more likely to occur.

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