

Data Shows Danger for Truckers

Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that driving a truck is risky in ways you might not expect. For example, heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers:

- Have the highest number of nonfatal injuries and illnesses that require days off from work across all occupations (a total of 55,710 in 2014)
- Rank 6th among the occupations with highest incidence rates of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work, after police officers and sheriffs, firefighters, highway maintenance workers, correctional officers and nursing assistants
- Had nearly one out of every 20 injury and illness cases nationwide that needed time off work to recover
- Are three times more likely than the typical American worker to have an injury or illness that required days off from work
- The injuries that are most likely to cause them to miss work result from **slips, trips and falls**

<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/08/17/truck-driver-job-related-injuries-in-overdrive>

Major Contributing Event of the Top Three Injury Types

- Fall from nonmoving vehicle (54%)
- Fall to lower level, not elsewhere classified (16%)
- Fall from ladder (13%)
- All other (10 categories, <5 ea.) (12%)

<https://www.lni.wa.gov/safety/research/files/hospitalizationstrucking.pdf> (page 7, Table 3)

Injury Activities

- Entering/exiting the truck cab
- Falling off the back of the trailer or the lift gate
- Missing a step or getting foot caught in rung of ladder – attached to truck or freestanding
- Ladders slipping out from underneath a worker

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/safety/research/files/trucking/901482014.pdf> (page 29)

Falls from elevation

- 10% of all injuries in trucking
- 16% of all medical costs
- Cost over \$47 million
- Median cost was over \$12,000
- Accounted for over 194,600 days of lost time, (that's about 550 fulltime workers not working because of injuries)
- 76% of all fall from elevation compensable claims were for drivers
- Drivers had the highest median claim cost (\$14,170) for fall from elevation compensable claims

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Compensable Claims

- 1 out of every 19 trucking industry employees had an accepted, compensable claim during 2006-2012. This is more than twice the rate of compensable claims in all other industries (page 19)
- Drivers make up 73% of compensable claims during the study period (page 21, figure 5)
- Over 70% of injuries during this period resulted in injuries to drivers, accounting for over 70% of the cost and over 75% of the time-loss days (page 23, figure 8)

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