

HEAVY TRUCK/BUS INVOLVED CRASHES

These crashes involve a heavy truck/bus - defined as having a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) over 10,000 lbs.

Heavy truck/bus crashes differ from other vehicle crashes in a number of ways, many reflecting the size and use of these vehicles. **When compared to the overall crash picture, heavy truck/bus crashes involve:**

- More turning, backing, and changing lanes as the Truck/Bus Driver Action Prior
- More collisions with bridge/pier/abutments, parked motor vehicles, jackknife, cargo loss/shift, and other non-collisions as the Most Harmful Event
- Fewer collisions with ditches, trees, and animals
- Fewer single-vehicle crashes but more sideswipes
- Fewer drivers indicated to be speeding, failing to yield, reckless driving, disregarding traffic control, and unable to stop in assured clear distance, but more drivers indicated to be making backing, lane use, and turning errors
- Fewer crashes outside of the shoulder/curb
- More crashes between the hours of 6:00 AM and 2:59 PM, fewer crashes between 3:00 PM and 5:59 AM (but more fatal crashes between 3:00 PM and 5:59 PM).
- More weekday crashes, and a significant drop in weekend crashes