### **LITIGATION INSIGHT: LARGE TRUCK ACCIDENTS**



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# Shocking Statistic: One Person is killed or injured in a truck accident every sixteen minutes

Americans depend on the trucking industry to provide the food and other goods they need daily. Odds are high that each item in your home was transported by a commercial truck at some point. The trucking industry makes it possible for us to get the goods we need for ourselves and for our families.

Large trucks represent nearly 5% of vehicles on U.S. highways and they transport millions of tons of freight every day. About 1 in 10 highway fatalities is due to a crash involving a large truck.

# WHAT TYPES OF TRUCKS ARE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS?

Many sizes and types of trucks are involved in traffic crashes every year in the U.S. The type of trucks that are reported most frequently in accidents involving an injury or death include:

- 18 Wheelers
- Tractor-Trailers
  - Semi-trucks
- Moving trucks
- Dump trucks
- Fire trucks
- Garbage trucks
- Postal trucks
- UPS/FEDEX trucks





## LITIGATION FAQ

#### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

*NOTHING.* We represent clients on a contingency basis. We collect a fee if and when the client collects a settlement.

# • HOW MUCH IS MY POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT?

Individual results vary and depend on unique circumstances. Call us today for free regarding your claim.

#### • ARE THERE TIME LIMITS TO FILING A CLAIM?

Yes, if an accident victim chooses to file a lawsuit, they must do so within one year of when any accident related expenses occurred. The truck accident team at 1-800-LAW-FIRM recommends that victims collect evidence and get contact information for potential witnesses as soon as possible. Gathering information will help make the potential case more powerful.

# HOW TO CHOOSE AN ATTORNEY THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Looking for an attorney to represent you may seem daunting and intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Here are a few tips that will help you find the attorney that is best for your particular circumstances.

- Ask a friend: Odds are high that you know someone who was in an accident. Friends, family, acquaintances and co-workers are good resources for referrals.
- Experience: Does your perspective attorney have years of experience representing those involved in car crashes? If not, steer clear and find someone who does.
- Money to finance your case: Taking depositions and hiring experts for your case are expensive. Make sure your attorney can afford to do what is necessary.
- Your attorney needs to be passionate about your case: Retain an attorney who will fight for you and your family and not for his own interests.
- Communication is key: Ensure that your attorney agrees to meet with you on a regular basis to provide you with updates. He should never be too busy to meet or return phone calls and emails.

# WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON CAUSES FOR LARGE TRUCK ACCIDENTS?

Each accident is unique and has its own set of circumstances but some of the most common causes and mistakes among truck drivers include:

- Speeding
- Distracted driving—texting, talking on phone, eating etc.
- Failing to yield to other motorists
- Lack of truck operator training
- Improper lane changes and other types of reckless driving
- Poor and or irregular maintenance
- Drowsy driving
- Alcohol or drug intoxication
- Driving in impaired weather conditions—fog, ice, snow, rain



#### **WHY 1-800-LAW-FIRM?**

Choosing a firm to represent you is a crucial and potentially difficult decision to make. You should look for an experienced firm that has successfully litigated cases similar to your own. Additionally, seek an attorney that will customize their approach specifically to your unique circumstances.

**1-800-LAW-FIRM** and our distinguished legal partners have settled cases in the 100,000,000s of dollars. We understand that legal matters can be stressful and confusing. Allow us to be your trusted advisor for your legal needs. Whether your case is being managed in-house or referred within our network of the nation's top attorneys, we will guide you every step of the way.

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## **ACT FAST:**

# CRUCIAL STEPS TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN ACCIDENT WITH A LARGE TRUCK

n attorney should be called before you admit any kind of fault to authorities or other drivers.

all the police immediately. It is never a good idea to forego contacting the police after an accident. Not calling will make it difficult for you to have car damages repaired.

rade insurance and contact information with all drivers involved in the accident.

ind and document any evidence by taking pictures and making notes of key details from your point of view. It is recommended not to share any accident pictures or details on your social media accounts.

ct now and understand your rights. There are time limits to filing a case

eek medical attention immediately after an accident. It is up to you to understand your injuries and to follow your Doctor's instructions. If you don't, the insurance adjuster may question the validity of your injury claim.

alking with insurance companies without your attorney is a bad idea. One of the key goals an insurance company has is to get you to sign medical and other releases. It is in their best interest for you to accept a settlement that is lower than what you should get. Don't do it.

## **EASY STEPS**

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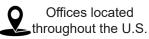
2. Case Review



3. Proceed with Litigation













FREE CASE REVIEW
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STARTED