

Truck accidents lead to more fatalities than car collisions

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October 02, 2013 /**24-7PressRelease**/ -- For motorists traveling in sedans or even SUVs, the close presence of a large truck on the road can lead to some tension. Due to the size difference between large commercial vehicles and other cars and trucks, the risks posed by a collision between the two are imbalanced.

Based on data from the American Trucking Association, truck accidents are more dangerous for others involved in the crash. Pedestrians, bicyclists and those who are inside another vehicle involved in a truck accident are more likely to sustain personal injuries than the truck driver when involved in a collision. These statistics should not be surprising, as a large commercial vehicle acts as a protective barrier for truck drivers in many cases, while the size of the truck can cause significant damage to a smaller vehicle involved in the crash.

In addition, [truck accidents](#) lead to more fatalities in the United States than car crashes. The ATA has reported that 1 percent of truck accidents led to a fatality in 2009. During the same year, only 0.5 percent of car collisions led to the death of someone involved in the crash. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2008, one out of every nine traffic deaths was caused by a large truck accident.

The data also revealed that other motorists were most likely to be killed in truck collisions. In 2009, there were 3,380 deaths caused by large truck collisions. Of those, 76 percent of the people killed were inside the other vehicle involved in the crash -- only 15 percent of those killed were inside the large truck at the time of the collision.

Avoid dangerous truck accidents in New York

Similar statistics can be seen in [New York](#). In 2011, there were over 11,640 [truck accidents in New York](#) -- 89 of which led to a fatality. In total, 96 individuals were killed in large truck accidents in the state that year. Of those, 46 of the fatalities were drivers in another vehicle, while truck drivers accounted for just five of the fatalities.

In addition, over 5,500 people sustained personal injuries in truck accidents in New York that year. The majority of the people injured were drivers involved in the crash, with passengers accounting for the second-most frequently injured group.

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If you or a loved one has been injured in a large truck accident in New York, you should be aware of your rights. Seek the counsel of a skilled personal injury attorney to ensure your rights are protected.

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