



THE TRUCK SAFETY BULLETIN

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The Truck Safety Coalition (TSC) is a partnership between **The Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) Foundation**, and **Parents Against Tired Truckers (PATT)**. The Truck Safety Coalition is dedicated to reducing the number of deaths and injuries caused by truck-related crashes, providing compassionate support to truck crash survivors and families of truck crash victims, and educating the public, policy-makers and media about truck safety issues.

Save the Date!

Sorrow to Strength 2017: May 6 – 10



The Truck Safety Coalition is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our 2017 Sorrow to Strength Conference from May 6 – 10, in Washington, D.C.

Our conference, which occurs every two years and is designed specifically for truck crash survivors and the friends and family of truck crash victims, provides an opportunity to come together in a supportive environment, learn about truck safety issues, and advocate for truck safety improvements.

Our 2015 conference had the largest number of attendees to date and was a major success, and we are hoping to do even better in 2017. We had a greater number of attendees than ever before.

The first two days of the conference will consist of an opportunity to interact with other volunteers and to hear their stories. There will also be sessions on

truck safety issues, media and social media, advocacy and going to Capitol Hill, and coping with grief.

Over the next two days, attendees, along with Truck Safety staff and volunteers, will head to Capitol Hill to meet with Members of Congress and their staffs. There will also be opportunities to meet with top officials from the Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

We will continue to keep you updated about Sorrow to Strength 2017. Please keep a lookout for our emails.

- The TSC Staff

Truck Safety Media

Truck Safety Tweets

General Facts:

- In 2015, 4,067 people were killed in large truck crashes. This number is unconscionably high. #trucksafety
- Truck crashes increased by 45 percent from 2009 to 2015. Automatic emergency braking will reduce the number of crashes. #trucksafety
- Truck crash injuries shot up by 57% between 2009 and 2015, increasing from 74,000 to 116,000. #trucksafety
- In 2015, large trucks were involved in 27 percent of all fatal work zone crashes. Automatic Emergency Braking can reduce that. #trucksafety
- In 2015, there were 667 truck occupant fatalities - a 34 percent increase since 2009. #trucksafety
- For the first time since 2008 that truck crash fatalities exceeded 4,000. #trucksafety
- In 2015, 304 children were killed in large truck crashes. As parents against tired truckers, this is outrageous #trucksafety

Hours of Service:

- 80% of Americans oppose legislative efforts to increase the # of hours semi-truck drivers are allowed to work in a week. #trucksafety
- 80% of Americans say they'd feel less safe if Congress raised the # of hours truckers are allowed to work in a week from 70 to 82 hours.
- Driver surveys show that 65% of drivers have reported being drowsy while driving. We need #HoursofService rules & more #trucksafety
- Driver surveys show that 48% of drivers have admitted to falling asleep while driving in the previous year. #HoursofService #trucksafety
- According to a @NIOSH study, 73% of long haul truck drivers perceived their delivery schedules unrealistically tight. #trucksafety
- According to a @NIOSH study, 37% of long haul truck drivers reported being noncompliant with hours-of-service rules. #trucksafety
- A #tiredtrucker is not the cost of doing business, but he or she can cost someone their life. #trucksafety
- A #tiredtrucker is not just a danger to himself, but to other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. #trucksafety

Truck Size and Weight:

- Heavier/Larger Trucks do NOT = Fewer Trucks. #trucksafety
- The # of registered trucks in the U.S. has continually increased, including after every past increase in truck size and weight limits. #trucksafety
- Longer, heavier trucks have never resulted in fewer trucks on our roads. #trucksafety

Minimum Insurance:

- Minimum levels of insurance for trucks have not been increased in over 30 years and are woefully insufficient. #trucksafety
- Low limits for motor carriers create exactly the opposite effect that minimum insurance levels were intended to provide. #trucksafety

Underride:

- @NTSB recommends sideguards on heavy single-unit trucks, trailers, and truck tractors. #underride guards save lives. #trucksafety
- The purpose of underride guards is to prevent a car from riding under the truck in the event of a collision. #trucksafety
- We support side underride guards on trailers because they will protect vulnerable road users like bicyclists. #trucksafety
- Side underride and rear underride collisions defeat crumple zones and prevent air bag deployment. We need more #trucksafety.

Get Your Story in the News

We want to help you get your story out in the local press. It is immensely helpful to have each of you remind your elected leaders, and the community at-large, of the dangers from unsafe trucking. The Truck Safety Coalition team is ready to help all of you with this effort. Please let us know if you want to send letters to the editor, or to pitch stories to reporters, and we will be glad to assist.

Interested in Interviewing? Set up Skype.

- Step 1:** Go to [Skype Website](#)
Step 2: Click Device You Wish to Download Skype onto
Step 3: Save and Run the Skype Installation File (Click 'Yes' if Asked to Give Skype Permission)
Step 4: Select Your Language and Click 'I Agree – Next'
Step 5: Click 'Continue' (Check or Uncheck Boxes Based on Your Preferences)
Step 6: Skype Installs
Step 7: Create an Account (or Sign-In if You Already Have One)
Step 8: Send TSC Your Skype Name

Join us on Social Media

If you haven't already joined us online, please like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). Social media is a huge part of our outreach strategy and we need all of you to help us. If we post something on Facebook, please like the post and share it as well. If we tweet something on Twitter, please retweet it. Having all of you sharing our social media posts will make a difference in how we can expand the reach of our safety message. If you would like to learn more about social media, click [here](#) to see a presentation from our conference.

The United States of Fatigue?

As you know, TSC is once again opposing an attempt to weaken the Hours of Service regulation. Truck drivers' "weekend" off and rest breaks remain in jeopardy as consideration of must-pass funding bills are occurring now. Special interest riders rolling back commonsense rules for truck driver hours of service (HOS) were tacked onto the Senate and House versions of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bills. Yet, there has been NO public input, NO Congressional hearing and NO agency review of this sweeping policy change, that industry lobbyists have dubbed a small technical change.

At a time when truck crashes as well as the injuries and deaths they cause are rising, Congress should be doing more to increase truck safety, not the amount of hours that a truck driver can drive and/or work. In this past year alone, almost every state in the country has experienced a fatigue-related truck crash. We have included a list of confirmed and possible fatigue-related truck crashes by state. Please feel free to share these crashes with your elected officials and ask them what they are doing to prevent them.

State	Crash Type	Link
Alabama	Fatigue	http://wiat.com/2016/03/30/i-2059-westbound-in-tuscaloosa-reopens-after-2-vehicle-accident-involving-18-wheeler/
Alaska	Fatigue	https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2016/08/01/3-hurt-when-truck-crashes-into-building-on-5th-avenue/
Arizona	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.livetrucking.com/a-multi-vehicle-pile-up-involving-3-semis-injures-5-people/
Arkansas	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://couriernews.com/view/full_story/27259256/article-Man-killed-in-semi-crash-on-Interstate-40
California	Fatigue	http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2016/03/31/student-big-rig-driver-falls-asleep-crashes-near-woodland/
Colorado	Fatigue	http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/05/06/i-76-shut-down-near-wiggins-due-to-semi-crash/
Connecticut	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20160419/state-police-tractor-trailer-driver-hurt-cited-after-rollover-fire-snarl-i-91-commute-in-wallingford
Delaware	Fatigue	http://jalopnik.com/terrifying-tesla-vs-18-wheeler-crash-nearly-destroys-h-1784575735
Florida	Fatigue	http://www.naplesnews.com/news/local/highway-patrol-truck-driver-fell-asleep-at-the-wheel-on-i-75-316a6817-ddd5-2f58-e053-0100007f9e79-377189331.html
Georgia	Fatigue	http://savannahnow.com/latest-news/2015-05-19/traffic-alert-wreck-fire-shuts-down-interstate-16-i-95
Hawaii	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.staradvertiser.com/2016/08/09/breaking-news/hawaii-gas-tanker-truck-crashes-in-kalaheo/
Idaho	Fatigue	http://kboi2.com/news/local/isp-driver-falls-asleep-at-the-wheel-semi-rear-ends-semi
Illinois	Fatigue	http://www.kwwl.com/story/33457325/2016/10/24/sleeping-driver-causes-crash
Indiana	Fatigue	http://fox59.com/2016/09/01/semi-loaded-with-popcorn-overturms-on-i-65-near-scottsburg/
Iowa	Fatigue	http://www.1380kcim.com/news/2016/semi-driver-falls-asleep-at-the-wheel/
Kansas	Fatigue	http://www.salina.com/news/local_briefs/semi-driver-two-boys-injured-in-crash/article_a63a8011-881d-59ed-96a9-8518fed5eeeb.html
Kentucky	Fatigue	http://www.14news.com/story/25328822/semi-accident-shuts-down-i-64-east
Maine	Fatigue	http://www.wmtw.com/news/crash-closes-lanes-on-i95-in-augusta/39317098
Maryland	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.myeasternshoremd.com/ga/police_and_fire/article_1f2eacb6-c8f8-5b09-9922-7b4ca6dbd80f.html
Michigan	Fatigue	http://www.uppermichiganssource.com/content/news/Semi-truck-overturned-on-M-35-workers-cleaning-up-spilled-rubber-396124551.html
Minnesota	Fatigue	http://erstarnews.com/2016/05/05/minneapolis-man-transported-to-hospital-after-falling-asleep-at-the-wheel-in-elk-river/
Mississippi	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://witv.com/2016/10/08/18-wheeler-leaves-road-hits-tree-in-copiah-county/
Missouri	Fatigue	http://www.kearneycourier.com/news/rollover-injures-one-shuts-down-i/article_3b38964f-d190-59aa-b913-3eed30f307bb.html
Montana	Fatigue	http://helenair.com/news/local/updated-semi-hauling-liquid-oxygen-rolls-after-driver-falls-asleep/article_c903153d-657a-57e6-aacf-35e08f3a8edd.html
Nebraska	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.kearneyhub.com/news/local/kearney-man-dies-in-wednesday-semi-crash-near-cozad/article_70a53a56-ac38-11e6-9677-7f3120cdf446.html
Nevada	Fatigue	http://www.kolotv.com/content/news/Driver-dies-in-rollover-on-I-80-near-Lovelock-early-Tuesday-400466141.html
New Hampshire	Fatigue	http://www.nh1.com/news/commercial-truck-driver-falls-asleep-at-wheel-crashes-on-i-89-in-nh/page/2/
New Jersey	Fatigue	http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2016/11/truck_driver_rear_ends_another_truck_after_dozing.html
New Mexico	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.kcci.com/article/iowa-man-killed-in-head-on-collision-in-new-mexico/6918442
New York	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.twcnnews.com/nys/central-ny/top-stories/2016/11/20/u-s--postal-service-driver-killed-in-car-crash-in-oswego-county.html
North Carolina	Fatigue	http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/USA-Update/2016/0506/N.C.-crash-turns-50-000-spuds-into-mashed-potatoes
North Dakota	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/oct/22/semi-crash-near-mandaree-leaves-woman-dead-causes-/
Ohio	Fatigue	http://www.newsnet5.com/news/local-news/oh-medina/ohio-state-highway-patrol-semi-overturms-on-i-71-in-medina-co-driver-says-he-fell-asleep
Oklahoma	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/wire/arkansas-truck-driver-killed-in-crash-with-train-in-oklahoma/article_67eefdc-14c2-5a51-9015-2dc11ba5c883.html

Oregon	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.dailytidings.com/news/20161024/semi-hauling-41000-pounds-of-shredded-cheese-crashes-on-i-5
Pennsylvania	Fatigue	http://wkbn.com/2016/10/03/semi-truck-accident-shuts-down-portion-of-route-376-in-mercer-county/
South Carolina	Fatigue	http://www.wyff4.com/news/driver-of-tractor-trailer-falls-asleep-crashes-and-causes-fuel-spill/42134794
Tennessee	Fatigue	http://wkcr.com/2016/05/05/crash-on-i-24-w-near-ohb-causing-significant-delays/
Texas	Fatigue	http://www.newschannel10.com/story/31456305/passenger-dead-after-driver-falls-asleep-at-the-wheel
Utah	Fatigue	http://www.cachevalleydaily.com/news/local/article_7201b5de-6a5f-11e6-ac3f-db4610065fc6.html
Vermont	(Possibly) Fatigue	http://www.wcax.com/story/33148856/tractor-trailer-crashes-in-panton
Virginia	Fatigue	http://www.nbc29.com/story/31254328/crews-respond-to-tanker-truck-accident-on-i-64-in-albemarle-county
Washington	Fatigue	http://q13fox.com/2016/03/18/wsp-truck-driver-falls-asleep-and-crashes-spilling-giant-rolls-of-paper/
West Virginia	Fatigue	http://www.wsaz.com/content/news/Tractor-trailer-crash-on-i-77-North-near-Kanawha-City-395606941.html
Wisconsin	Fatigue	https://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2016/04/11/cmm-wisconsin-cheese-truck-rolls-on-i-15-southbound-lane-closed-for-more-than-8-hours/#.VzKVWeRFwuQ
Wyoming	Fatigue	http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/drowsy-driving-bees-potatoes_us_572cf2fae4b096e9f091635d

Rulemaking Update:

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration just released a final rule for a drug and alcohol clearinghouse. Please see our statement on the rule by clicking this link: <http://trucksafety.org/statement-on-release-of-final-drug-and-alcohol-clearinghouse-rule/>

Fundraising:

TSC relies on donations from our volunteers and people concerned with truck safety to make a difference in the lives of people dealing with a tragic crash. We invite you to donate directly to TSC's PayPal account by clicking the "Donate" button found on our website (<http://trucksafety.org/get-involved/donate/>) or make out a check to the "Truck Safety Coalition."

Your donation is tax deductible.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why raise funds for the Truck Safety Coalition?

The most important reason to raise funds is to honor your loved one by trying to prevent this type of tragedy from happening to others. By joining with family members, friends and neighbors, you can increase awareness and generate support for truck safety issues and also show how they personally impact communities around the country. The Truck Safety Coalition also uses the funds to provide financial assistance for attendees of our biennial conference held in Washington, D.C., Sorrow to Strength.

With whom should I share my request and what should I write?

You can share your requests with anyone you know who cares about you and anyone who cares about those affected by truck safety issues. They could be your family members, friends, cousins, old schoolmates or neighbors. Anyone! Post on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, or any social media that you are on.

We recommend sharing your story to remind the public that truck crash fatalities and injuries are not merely statistics; they are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, friends and families. You can talk about the safety issues that caused the crash as well as the solutions that could prevent similar future truck crashes. And remember, that however you choose to write a request, it is most powerful when it is in your own words.

How can I donate right now?

Easy! Click the PayPal Button:

