



WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO STOP DRIVERS CRASHING TRUCKS?

Over the last few years I have written plenty about this and what it takes to get you guys home safely.

I was trawling through the internet and came across a conversation on the Truckies of NZ Facebook site.

I could not record everything as the discussion went on for a couple of days – but these are your words, not mine and you are all trying to come to a conclusion. In a nutshell most crashes are caused by drivers – end of story!

You want to come home, then drive like you mean it.

I see the results of a crash from a different perspective than you drivers or transport operators do – I see the claims statistics, repair costs, death claim payouts, the family trauma, operator financial stress and resulting rising truck insurance premiums.

As I write this article, today's news headlines records five serious crashes resulting in two driver deaths plus a truck on fire.

Last month was no better so while it is good to chat about this, it really is action time, so sit up, take note and do something.

It is not even a collective solution but individually you can make a difference and decide to abolish crashes.

Anyway enough from me, have a look at your own discussion;

- "Grand a week without having to work in all honesty tho, you'll never be able to stop "accidents."
- Most are through rookie drivers or idiots in cars.
- Yea nah there's some who have an old school style of thinking get in there and do it but then no sleep and crash.
- It will take a perfect world where all people are also perfect, but unfortunately we are only human.
- Up our game then humans.
- Easy to say isn't it.
- Common sense – tired, have a break. The freights better an hour or two late than in a ditch somewhere along with you.
- If only bosses thought that way!
- Yeah well it's their backside on the line if you're told to go.

- Driverless trucks here we come!
- Yeah well I have been driving 30 odd years never been over, it's all about being a pro.
- Can only do our best to keep rig looking sharp and not upside down
- And no one really knows what caused the crash except the driver, he could have been doing everything right, it could have been a truck fault or something.
- Agree, just have to read some of the comments on these sites, drivers cutting corners doing all sorts of things. I've had it myself, a fully loaded fuel tanker and other trucks up my trailer yelling on the CB. Can't wait 5 minutes for you to pull over. That's the problem.
- Simply making a conversation to get drivers through. Get them thinking.
- Just saying ma mate I'm far from perfect, hopeless as, but I try and hate seeing our Truckies crashing.
- Simple slow down.
- Yip take time and enjoy the job.
- Some accidents are totally unavoidable and some are not. Whether its trucks or clowns in cars and there's a lot of them out there too.
- Perfect gear, perfect roads, perfect traffic...accidents are just a sad part of transport industry. Weather, driver, traffic or gear at fault it's just what sadly happens sometimes.
- Put it on rail jokin!
- Common sense and using the brain will prevent accidents... I drive a long nose Kenworth and never crashed!!
- Unfortunately common sense isn't that common.
- Bosses can be held accountable for some of the accidents with their "I need it done no matter how long it takes or how dangerous it is" attitude.
- Park them all up lol.
- Accidents happen for a lot of reasons but most of time it's a failure of the organic link between the seat and steering wheel is all too common.
- What will it take... don't start the truck?
- Simple without trucks NZ stops, slow down and be professional but hey sometimes it happens.
- How many crashes per annum per kms

travelled per number of heavy vehicles on the road? Wouldn't work out very high rate. I would suggest.

- One death is too many.
- They are talking crashes not deaths.
- Trucks are getting bigger...and the roads have not improved.
- Hell no our roads are shite.
- Yep well that's the govt NZTA for yah, pay the highest road tax in the world and get what for it?
- There's more money going into roading but less money going on the roads.
- Well considering that drivers are being given jobs doing linehaul with no experience in that part of trucking just cause you have a class 5 licence don't mean to say you can drive linehaul new truckies to the industry need training and get experience under the belt.
- Everyone seems to be pointing finger at drivers without taking into consideration other causes ie: mechanical failure, health issues, etc.
- Unfortunately old teaching young is not practiced as it's all taught from the class room and not the cab.
- More cops, harsher penalties for stupid driving.
- 10 hour driving day.
- Retest of road rules when your license needs to be renewed...
- The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers. And as long as dipsticks keep believing this we will keep having accidents.
- You are paid by the hour then drive to it's that simple
- Very, very few accidents are caused by mechanical failure.
- The nut behind the wheel has a great deal to do with what happens... other than being hit by a car that you can't avoid... it's really driver error....
- Too fast...
- Stop trying to be what you're not... Halfwit, talking on the phone, log book cheating, inexperienced, too much horse power.

- Yip heaps of them get a rig over 600hp automatically get extra year of experience on cv.
- Less pressure, better rates ...
- Statistics show that over 63% of truck accidents have drivers between 35-50 with more than 15 years' experience so maybe it's not young cowboys but fellas that think it won't happen to me. I've got experience on my side and become too complacent about the road.
- Tighten up the rules if they cause an accident sack them.
- All good for you to say mate! Already a shortage on drivers.
- 12 hr days and 12 hr breaks. Take in to consideration how many have to travel to and from work. And when u get home you like to wind down have a feed a shower next thing you know 3 hrs out of your 10 hr break has gone then you wake up a hr early to get ready for work so that leaves you with 6 hrs sleep give or take.

- Always going to be accidents when we have so many road users, unrealistic dispatch targets and loaders that think they know better.
- Nice way to put the trucking industry out there ... random Facebook posts.
- Maybe it needs to be talked about rather than stick your head in the sand!
- Maybe needs to be dealt with out of social media.
- How then what will bring this subject to the table.
- Take their time?
- Where's all the good old drivers that were on the road?
- Still there, they just shut up and do their job.
- It's just average drivers like me but hey shit happens we not all perfect unfortunately.
- Point to point cameras, this day n age everything plays a big part, health, stress, home life.
- Remember the 2 second rule??? Think clearly, drive to the conditions, don't

be scared to ask questions, make sure you are focused at all times, don't be a cowboy!!!

- Speed into corners and roundabouts.
- There's no answer that can realistically work, as much as we'd love to fix the problem.
- Lumley Insurance are also a great help having background knowledge into a lot of causes to crashes.
- Needs to be public knowledge the cause of every heavy vehicle crash... and not bullshitted!
- It's simple really, over 95% of accidents are human error. The other 5% is an act of god. Sort the humans' out and the accident rate will drop. Humans include the fool who fixes your vehicle incorrectly, or the guy who builds the shit roads, or the dip."

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