



Safety Lives Here 

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LH – Speed and Rollovers

Rollovers: *Real Accidents*

The following are real accidents. They could have been prevented.

- A tractor-trailer driver rolled the rear trailer of the vehicle when he hit a patch of black ice and lost control at 30 mph.
- During winter weather conditions, a vehicle lost control and swerved into the lane of a tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer tried to avoid the vehicle but lost control and rolled the trailer.
- A tractor-trailer was cut off by another vehicle while merging. The tractor-trailer driver tried to avoid, but swerved too fast – causing a rollover.



What safe driving techniques do your business' drivers practice to prevent rollovers?

Speed and Rollovers

According to **Safecar.gov**, speed is one of the major causes of rollover accidents.

- Rollovers account for roughly 10 percent of all large truck crashes, according to the FMCSA.
- They also account for about 20 percent of all accident fatalities and incapacitating injuries.

“Speeding, driving too fast for conditions or exceeding the legal speed limit, is a problem on all roadways nationwide. But, on the less-forgiving rural roadways, speeding takes a deadly toll.”

- Federal Highway Administration

Adjusting Speed

The **U.S. Dept. of Energy** shares the following tips to help prevent accidents:

- Observing the posted speed limit
- Reducing speed in construction areas
- Reducing speed during rainy or snowy weather conditions
- Always allowing at least three seconds of stopping distance and increasing this distance during poor weather



For discussion:

How do your company's drivers adjust speed to help prevent rollovers and other accidents?

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