

Marysville Big Rig Accident Kills Yuba City Man

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The driver of a Yuba Sutter garbage truck died Tuesday in a **Marysville accident** on Highway 20 after his truck crashed with a big rig. Yuba City resident Gary Wayne Mathis, 43, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the big rig was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. The cause of the accident is not known and this **Marysville big rig accident** remains under investigation.

Big Rigs represent a unique danger on our roadways. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 5,374 people were killed during 1998 in collisions involving large trucks. In those fatal collisions, 86 percent of the victims were either occupants of the other vehicle or were not in any vehicle. Because of their size, big-rigs represent an especially dangerous threat on the roadways. In many instances, the conduct of the big-rig driver and/or their employer can greatly increase the risk of the general motoring public. Statistics show that many of the big-rig collisions resulting in injury or fatality are caused in part by the following:

- Truck driver fatigue caused by driving long hauls while failing to comply with minimum sleep and continuous driving regulations;
- Use of drugs by drivers to assist in driving long hours and for recreation and failure to maintain an effective drug testing program;
- Failure to maintain the tires, brakes and other mechanical conditions of the tractors and trailers through minimum required inspections;
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Unfortunately, the victims of a **big-rig or truck collision** or their families often have a difficult time obtaining fair compensation because they are dealing with commercial insurance carriers that got to great lengths to avoid payment of claims. Injured victims or the family of a deceased victim are urged to obtain the legal assistance of An experienced **Personal Injury Attorney**, who will investigate the causes of the collision, protect the injured person's legal rights, and make sure that they receive adequate compensation for all of the consequences of their injuries.

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Work injuries present a set of complicating factors to the claims process. Most work injuries are covered by the workers' compensation system that has its own set of rules. Under workers' compensation, an employee is entitled to certain benefits including medical expenses, temporary disability for time missed from work, and permanent disability based on the extent of the injury. These benefits are paid by insurance obtained by the employer. Workers' compensation provides coverage regardless of who was at fault for causing the injury. In most situations, the workers' compensation system is the "exclusive" remedy for the injured worker against his/her employer, meaning that the worker must accept what is offered by workers' compensation and cannot sue his or her employer for civil damages.

In a situation where someone other than the employer is responsible for causing the injury, an injured worker is entitled to recover civil damages in addition to workers compensation

benefits. The compensation an injured worker receives under a civil claim includes many things that cannot be recovered under a workers' compensation claim, including pain and suffering, and can result in a much bigger recovery to the injured worker. Accordingly, a thorough investigation should be performed any time a worker is seriously injured on the job to determine who was entirely or partially at fault. Anyone seriously injured in a work accident should a qualified Northern California Personal Injury Attorney to investigate the case and determine all of the available legal options.

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