

## **Two People Killed in a Highway 99 Big Rig Accident**

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Two people were killed in a [Modesto car accident](#) involving a big rig on October 20, 2010. The fatal accident happened on Highway 99, south of North Carpenter Road at around 2 p.m. Early reports indicate the truck jack-knifed and crushed a pickup truck. The Modesto truck accident remains under investigation although t alcohol and drugs are not believed to be factor. It is unknown what may have caused the trucker to lose control of his big-rig.

We are sending our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased victims. It is indeed a tragic lose.

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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 occupants of another vehicle or 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:

1. Truck driver fatigue caused by driving long hauls while failing to comply with minimum sleep and continuous driving regulations;
2. Use of drugs by drivers to assist in driving long hours and for recreation and failure to maintain an effective drug testing program;

3. Failure to maintain the tires, brakes and other mechanical conditions of the tractors and trailers through minimum required inspections;
4. Trucks with loads that over the weight limit or that are subject to shifting due to improper balance or lack of restraint;
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Unfortunately, the victims and their families of a [big-rig or truck collision](#) often have a difficult time obtaining fair compensation, sometimes because the trucker is from out of state and the insurance company is an obscure commercial carrier with experience in avoiding 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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