



Drivers Seriously Injured Sacramento Big Rig Accident and Sacramento Transit Bus Accident

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The drivers of a Sacramento County transit bus and a big rig were seriously injured in a [Sacramento auto accident](#) and San Joaquin County auto accident that occurred on State Route 12 near Isleton around 4:40 p.m. on Monday. According to the California Highway Patrol, the big rig was headed west bound at an unknown rate of speed when it encountered traffic, attempted to slow down and jackknifed. The transit bus, which was not carrying passengers, was traveling east bound when it collided with the out of control big rig. The driver of the bus was transported by life flight to the U.C. Davis Medical Center and the big rig driver was taken to John Muir hospital in the Bay Area, both with major injuries.

This California auto collision also involved a red Chevy Blazer which swerved and went down an embankment to avoid the collision. Reports indicated that the occupants of the Blazer were not seriously injured.

The California big rig accident remains under investigation. It is not reported that alcohol and drugs were involved.

Although this California big rig injury accident is still under investigation, it appears that the driver of the big rig was at fault for operating her truck at a speed that was unsafe for the prevailing traffic conditions, a violation of Vehicle Code §22350. Big-rigs have the potential to be especially dangerous to the general motoring public. The conduct of the big-rig driver and/or their employer can greatly increase the risk of causing a collision and injuries.

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;
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Unfortunately, the victims 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 a [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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