

There are millions of commercial trucks (often called 18-wheelers) on the roads of the United States these days transporting different foods, goods, and products from manufacturers to retailers. Big rigs are the largest vehicles on the roads, some 40 times larger and heavier than passenger cars, and they can cause serious damage if involved in an accident.

According to Truckinfo.net, each year there are 41,000 to 45,000 fatalities from traffic accidents. Of those fatalities, roughly nine percent are killed in tractor trailer accidents. Protect yourself from truck accidents by knowing your surroundings, knowing the truck's blind spots, and knowing when and how to pass a truck.

Truck accidents cause serious traffic delays even if the accident is not serious. These accidents cause delays because they take longer to remove from the highway after a collision. Truck accidents can cause - not only serious damage and injury to other vehicles and people - but they can also cost millions of dollars in lawsuits and settlement agreements with insurance companies.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration states the top five states in regards to truck fatalities in the United States are:

1. Texas
2. Florida
3. California
4. Pennsylvania
5. Georgia

If you, or someone you love, has been injured in an accident involving a commercial truck, 18-wheeler, or semi-trailer, please call a [Texas truck accident attorney](#) and discuss your legal options. There's no reason not to get free legal advice!