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Chicago Truck Accident Attorneys

With six major interstate highways running through Chicago, the risk of being in a motor vehicle accident with a truck is high. In fact, thousands of people in Illinois are injured in truck accidents each year.

In 2021 the state had 11,178 crashes involving tractor-trailers. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), they accounted for 3.8 percent of all motor vehicle accidents in the state that year, as well as 9.1 percent of deadly collisions. Tractor-trailer accidents accounted for 2.7 percent of all injury-causing crashes in Illinois. Close to 15 percent of injuries caused by truck accidents prevented the victim from walking, driving or performing everyday activities that they were capable of before the crash occurred. Types of injuries included severe cuts, broken limbs and head or chest injuries, among others.

Truck accidents are far too common in Illinois. The enormous size and weight of commercial trucks make them extremely dangerous for passenger cars and other smaller motor vehicles. In truck accidents, more than 70 percent of the injuries and fatalities are suffered by automobile drivers and their passengers.

In 2021, there were 1,817 injury-causing tractor-trailer accidents. Most of those injured were occupants

of other vehicles. Fatal tractor-trailer accidents killed 118 people that year. Most of the accidents occurred in urban areas of Illinois rather than rural ones.

IDOT's report on crash data trends indicate that after years of rising fatalities, the number of fatal truck crashes declined from 2020-2021. The decline in fatalities was slight, with deaths resulting from tractor-trailer crashes decreasing by 0.8 percent from 2020 to 2021. Over the same period, the number of fatal crashes decreased by 1.9 percent.

There are many different causes of truck accidents. However, there is one statistic in particular that jumps out. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, driver negligence is to blame for around 87 percent of truck accidents.

Driver negligence is an umbrella term that encompasses a variety of poor driving behaviors such as speeding, distracted driving and driving while fatigued. Vehicle defects are generally responsible for 10 percent of truck accidents, while poor road conditions cause 3 percent of crashes.

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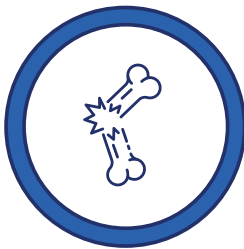
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COMMON CHICAGO TRUCK ACCIDENT INJURIES

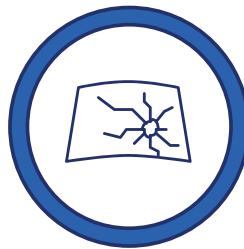
Truck accidents can result in a number of injuries ranging from minor to serious. Victims may suffer bruises, bumps or broken bones. In serious crashes, victims can sustain catastrophic, life-altering injuries, such as a traumatic brain injury, paralysis or even death.

In comparison to motor vehicle crashes, which result in serious injuries approximately 14 percent of the time, a crash involving a semi-truck is three times as likely to cause incapacitating injuries. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, such injuries can prevent victims from walking, driving or participating in day-to-day activities. There are also certain reported injuries that may not be visible or immediately evident such as limping, nausea, internal bleeding and pain.

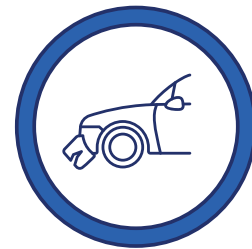
PENETRATING TRAUMA IN TRUCK ACCIDENTS CAN BE CAUSED BY



Broken bones
from a
high-impact
collision



Broken glass



Fixed objects
or fragments
of the vehicle



Sharp metal parts
such as a bent frame



Being thrown from
the vehicle

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DETERMINING WHO IS AT FAULT

Often, it can be challenging to determine who is at fault in truck accidents. Although weather or road conditions can contribute to a crash, driver error is the leading cause of truck accidents. Trucker negligence can take many forms, including driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, violating traffic laws, driving a commercial truck without proper training and failing to take required breaks.

In some cases truck accidents may occur due to trucking companies violating state and federal laws. For example, a semi-truck driver may carelessly run a red light or experience drowsiness because his employer allowed the trucker to drive for too many hours straight, leading to a crash. Improper maintenance of vehicles or defective parts may also be to blame.

EVIDENCE TO KEEP AFTER A TRUCK ACCIDENT



A police report



Expert testimony



Witness statements



Video footage from surrounding areas like restaurants



Photos of the accident scene and damage to vehicles

What to Do After a Truck Accident

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT, THERE ARE SEVERAL CRUCIAL THINGS YOU SHOULD DO



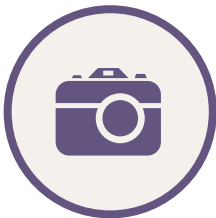
Seek Medical Attention Immediately:

The first step you should take if you or a loved one are ever involved in a truck accident is to seek immediate medical attention, even if there are no obvious signs of injuries. There may be internal injuries of which you are unaware. Additionally, some symptoms may not become apparent until hours or days after the accident. If you have been seriously hurt, you may be taken to a hospital for immediate medical treatment.



Follow the Advice of Your Doctor:

It is important to follow your doctor's advice and recommendations regarding your injuries, no matter how serious. Keep all the medical records for hospital and doctor visits, therapy, and rehabilitation. Failing to document the full extent of your injuries, can end up hindering your case in court.



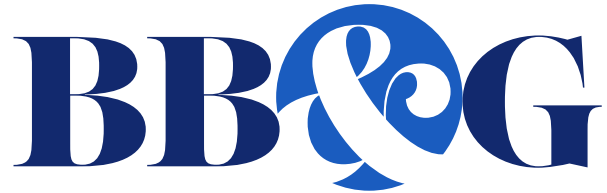
Document the Accident:

Truck accident victims should also make sure to document the scene of the accident. Take as many photographs as possible from various angles. They can be valuable to building your case. Additionally, ask witnesses and other drivers involved for their names, phone numbers and other contact details.



Contact your Insurance Company:

Another necessary step is to inform your insurance company about the accident so that the process of filing a claim can begin. However, if the other driver's insurance company contacts you, do not sign any documents or make any statements without talking to a lawyer first as it can affect the outcome of your case.



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Talk to a Truck Accident Lawyer

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If you or a loved one has been hurt in a truck accident, it may be possible to seek compensation for your injuries from the responsible party. Deciding to speak to an experienced personal injury lawyer after being involved in a truck accident is one of the most important steps you may take in the aftermath of a collision. With a knowledgeable truck accident attorney by your side, you can focus on recovering from your injuries instead of worrying about dealing with insurers and trucking companies.