

FATALITIES



Over the study period there was:

One fatal injury for every 4,430 full-time employees in the trucking industry.

Our goal is to prevent every fatality.

Table 2. The number of fatalities in the Washington State trucking industry by industry sector, 2006-2012.

Industry subgroup	Deaths
General Freight, Less than Truckload	12
General Freight, Truckload	23
Specialized Freight	8
Waste Collection	9
Couriers and Messengers	0
Total	52

TRUE STORIES

A truck driver delivering packages stepped out from behind his truck and was struck by an oncoming vehicle.

The driver of a garbage truck was killed when another vehicle ran a red light, striking her truck head-on. The victim was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected out of the truck through its front window.

From 2006 through 2012 there were 52 trucking fatalities in Washington State.*

The rate 22.57 per 100,000 FTE.

On average 1 out of 4,430 full-time employees were fatally injured.

Over 73% of truck driver fatalities were vehicle-related. Almost 48% of these were categorized as loss of vehicle control, without a collision with another vehicle on the highway.

Six died from being struck by either their own or another vehicle while on foot. Seven were struck by, crushed by or caught in other objects. Four died from falls.

All but 1 of the 52 work-related deaths were among men.

The average age of the fatally injured workers was 46 years old. Of the 52 fatalities, 47 were truck drivers.

On average, the trucking industry accounts for 10% of work-related fatalities in Washington State.

*The Washington State Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program provided the trucking fatality data.

TRUE STORIES

A fuel-tanker truck driver died when his truck struck a vehicle that had crashed on an interstate highway. The victim's truck then left the highway and crashed.

Two semi-tractor trailer trucks collided at a roadway intersection. The driver of one of the trucks was thrown from his vehicle and died at the scene. The driver of the other truck was not seriously injured.

A truck driver was walking back to his truck when he fell and was run over by a truck. The incident happened outside the gate of a port facility where the victim and other truck drivers had been waiting to enter the facility.

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