

Truck Accident Lawyers

If you or someone you know was the victim of an accident involving a big rig, freight truck, or any other kind of truck, the expert attorneys at Wilshire Law Firm are here to help you and your loved ones get the justice and compensation you deserve. Our truck accident lawyers have extensive experience representing victims of all types of trucking accidents, including:

- Blind spot and no zone accidents
- Head-on collisions
- T-Bone and side-impact crashes
- Rollover incidents
- Rear-end collisions

Those who wait too long to file a claim can miss out on their opportunity to recover damages; don't let this be you. Wilshire Law Firm is here to help you through every step of the legal process.

What are the Common Causes of Truck Accidents?

The commercial trucking industry is bigger than it's ever been, and that means there are more commercial trucks, semi-trucks, big rigs, 18 wheelers, and other trucks on the road today than ever before. Often driving many hours over long distances, and faced with strict deadlines, truck drivers will often get a lack of adequate sleep, and that can lead to catastrophic consequences for the drivers they share the roads with.

Because vehicles like cargo trucks and semi-trucks are so large, they create certain risk factors that aren't always present with passenger vehicles. Big rigs have larger blind spots, take longer to slow down, and may carry hazardous materials or travel with unsecured loads. Even vehicles such as buses, concrete trucks, and fire trucks, vehicles that you might not normally think of as big rigs, present extra risk factors when out on the road.

According to the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#) (FMCSA), the most common causes of truck accidents are:

- **Driver mistakes**—This category covers issues such as trucker fatigue, distracted truck driving, speeding, and otherwise reckless behavior behind the wheel;
- **Vehicle Issues**—Improper maintenance, brake problems, tire problems, overweight trailers, and unsecured loads are some of the major vehicle issues that cause truck accidents;
- **Environmental Issues**—Strong winds and raining can create adverse road conditions that increase the risk of a truck hydroplaning, slipping out of control, and potentially being involved in an accident.

Driver mistakes are by far the leading cause of truck accidents, accounting for 87% of all large truck accidents.

What Types of Trucks and Vehicles are Involved in Truck Accidents?

There is a myriad of different vehicles that are commonly involved in truck accidents. While this list is not comprehensive, the most common types of trucks and vehicles involved in truck accidents are:

- 18 Wheelers
- Big Rigs
- Buses
- Delivery Vans
- Cargo trucks
- Commercial trucks
- Construction trucks
- Fire trucks
- Freight trucks
- Garbage trucks
- Municipal trucks
- Suction Excavators
- Tractor trailers

The force of impact these trucks create, particularly when traveling at highway speeds, can be incredibly destructive. While some of these vehicles are driven by independent contractors, others may be driven by a private employer like a trucking company. Most importantly, all of these vehicles can be involved in a catastrophic accident.

What types of Injuries are Sustained in Truck Accidents?

Serious truck accidents can translate into life-threatening injuries. Nearly 200,000 Americans are [injured in large truck accidents](#) each year, and each one of these victims can suffer a wide range of catastrophic injuries. Common types of injuries sustained during truck accidents include:

- Head injuries
- Spinal injuries
- Brain damage
- Internal bleeding
- Broken bones
- Amputations
- Road rash
- Whiplash
- Other very serious injuries

In the immediate aftermath of an accident, a hurt victim's adrenaline levels will spike and block the sensation of pain, meaning that potentially serious injuries may not always be instantly apparent. For this reason, it's important to seek prompt medical attention if you've been involved in a truck accident.

What Compensation is Available to Truck Accident Victims?

Because truck drivers often belong to large trucking companies, or unions, or work as independent contractors, there can be a lot of moving parts tied to a truck accident claim. In a

traditional accident, typically one party and their insurance company are liable. When it comes to truck accidents, everyone from the truck driver to the crew that loaded the truck to the manufacturer of the truck and its safety equipment can potentially found liable.

Regardless of how many parties are at fault, if you or someone you know was injured in a truck accident, you can be compensated for all damages to you after an accident. In most cases, the compensation available to truck accident victims is as follows:

- Current and future medical bills
- Loss of income or earning potential
- Vehicle repair or other transportation needs
- Mental anguish, suffering, and pain due to the accident

The sheer complexity of a truck accident claim means that you should employ the services of an experienced truck accident lawyer. The knowledgeable team of truck accident attorneys at Wilshire Law Firm can help you successfully navigate the challenges your claim faces. To get started with your FREE case consultation, give Wilshire Law Firm a call today at (800) 522-7274, or fill out our [online contact form](#).