Six Facts on the Trucking Industry



Learn six facts about the dangers of the trucking industry.

Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega-millions jackpot)
Lifetime odds of dying in a heavy transport truck crash: 1 in 8,469 (National Safety Council Odds of Dying)

1. Truckers are six times more likely to be killed on the job than other workers.
2. Twelve percent of all worker deaths in the United States occur in the trucking industry.
3. Heavy truck crashes accounted for 17 to 19 per cent of all motor vehicle deaths and five percent of all motor vehicle injuries in Canada in 2001.
4. One in 18 US truck drivers is injured or suffers illness as a result of the job.
5. The injury rate for the trucking injury is 30 percent higher than that of other US industries.
6. Half of all non-fatal truck injuries in the US involve strains and sprains, frequently linked to the unloading of goods by truck drivers.