Heavy vehicles accident causation & Management & Prevention of Traffic Accident Risks in Road Passenger and Goods Transport Undertakings

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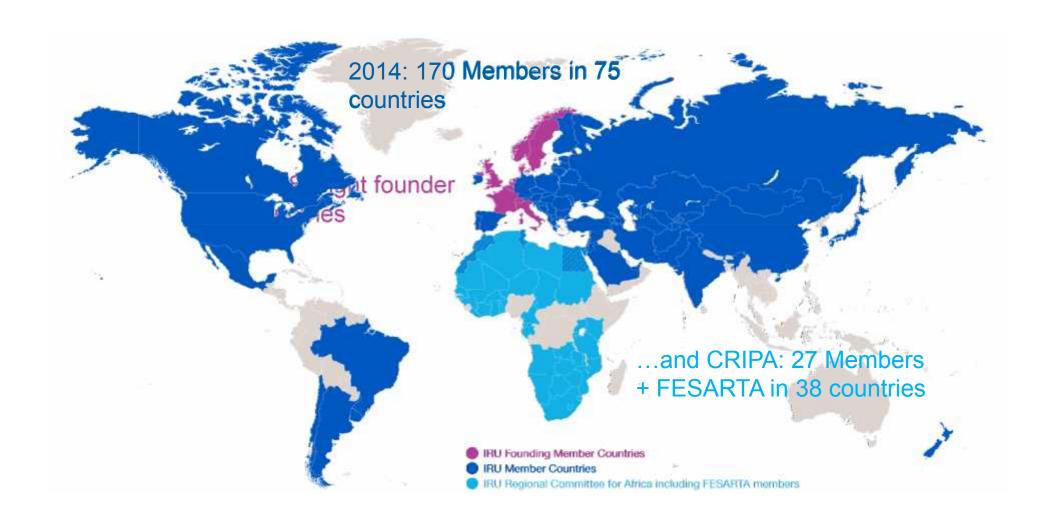


This is the International Road Transport Union





Evolution of IRU Membership





Road Safety – a global issue

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road traffic deaths every year.

As many as are injured each year.

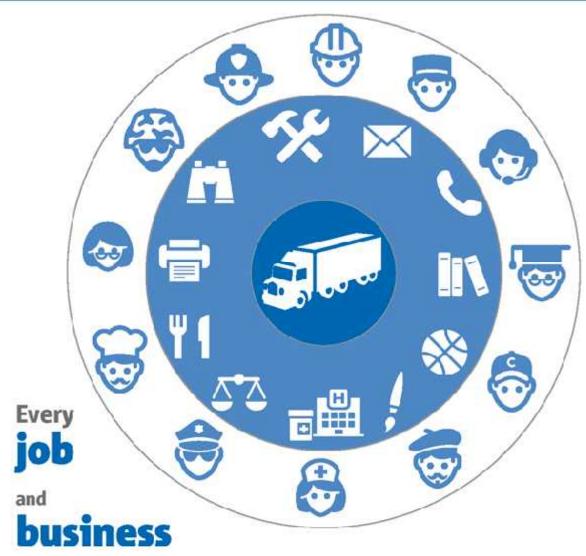


HOW SAFE YOU ARE DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU ARE: PER 100,000 POPULATION





IRU Every job depends on road transport



depends on road transport services.



How to avoid this?

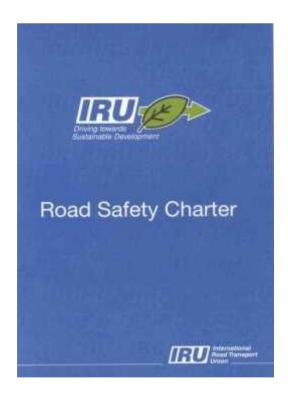








Road Safety – An IRU TOP Priority



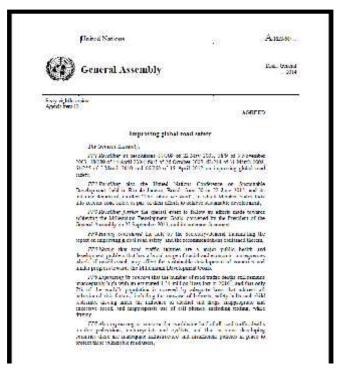




UN Road Safety Resolution acknowledges IRU's contribution to saving lives

IRU efforts on improving road safety acknowledged by the UN Road Safety Resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly on April 11, 2014





PP20 Acknowledging a number of other important international efforts on road safety, including the development by the International Road Transport Union of harmonized and internationally recognized standards for vocational training of road transport professionals,

The IRU supports all measures that improve road safety

if

they effectively target the main causes of accidents involving professional vehicles





Which crash causes should be addressed?

Large Truck Crash Causation Study (LTCCS)

Region

United States

Sample

• 963 crashes resulting in a fatality or injury (2001-2003)

Sponsors

- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

European Truck Accident Causation (ETAC)

Region

• Europe (7 countries)

Sample

 624 crashes resulting in a fatality or injury (2004-2006)

Sponsors

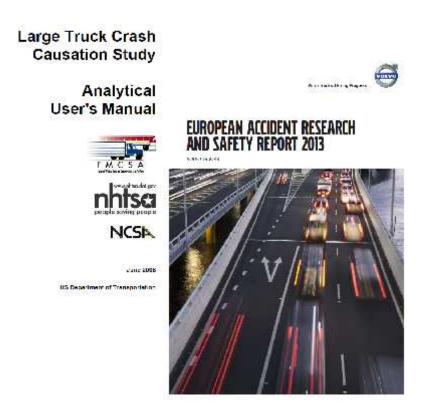
- European Commission
- International Road Transport Union (IRU)



Accident Analysis ETAC – A Scientific Study



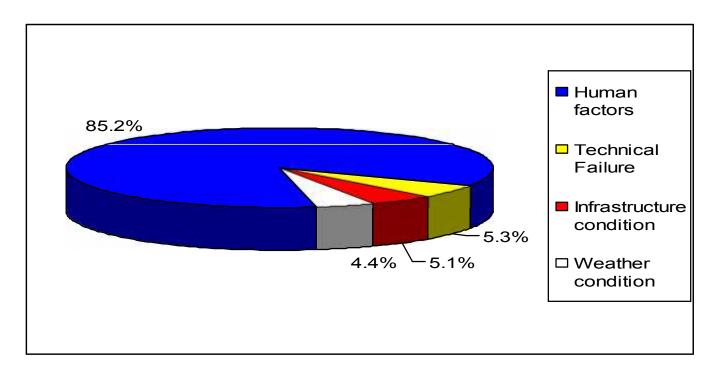
Results confirmed by other studies



European Truck Accident Causation Study (ETAC): http://www.iru.org/en_bookshop_item?id=171 Large Truck Crash Causation Study (LTCCS): http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/ltccs/data/documents/LTCCS Manual Public.pdf Volvo European Accident Research: http://www.volvotrucks.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/VTC/Corporate/Values/ART%20Report%202013.pdf



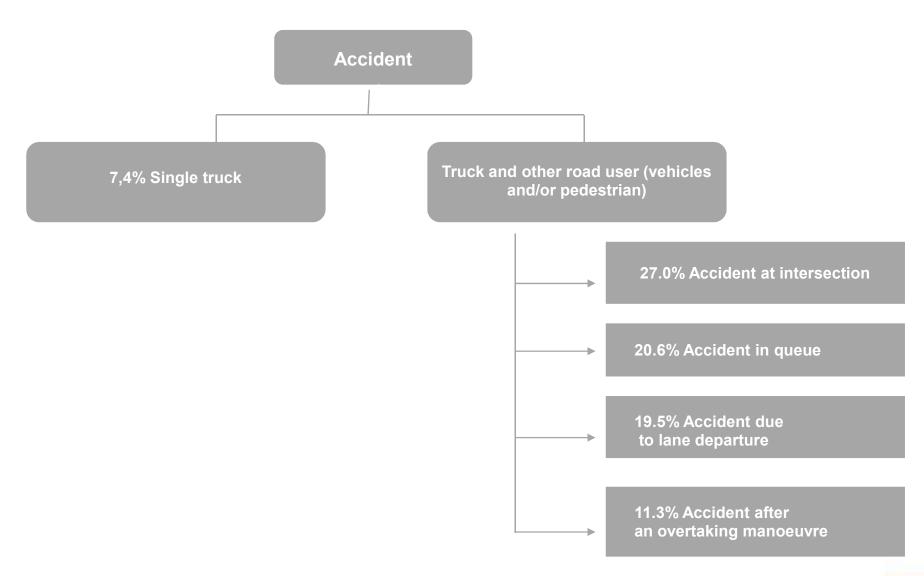
Investigation of 624 accidents showed the main cause of the accident is the human error



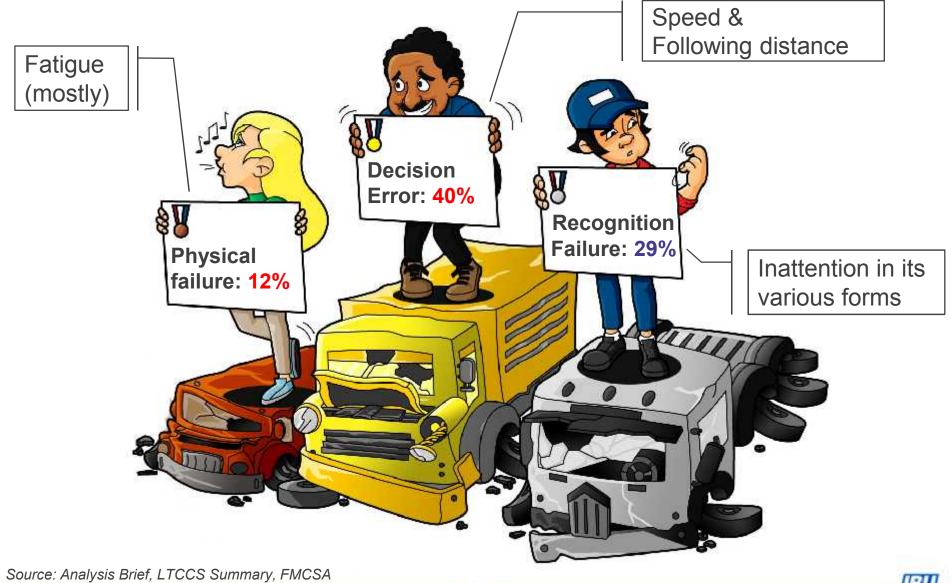
However, from the 85.2% linked to human error, 75% were caused by other road users!



IRU ETAC – Accident causes due to the human factor



IRU Staying focused on the main crash causes



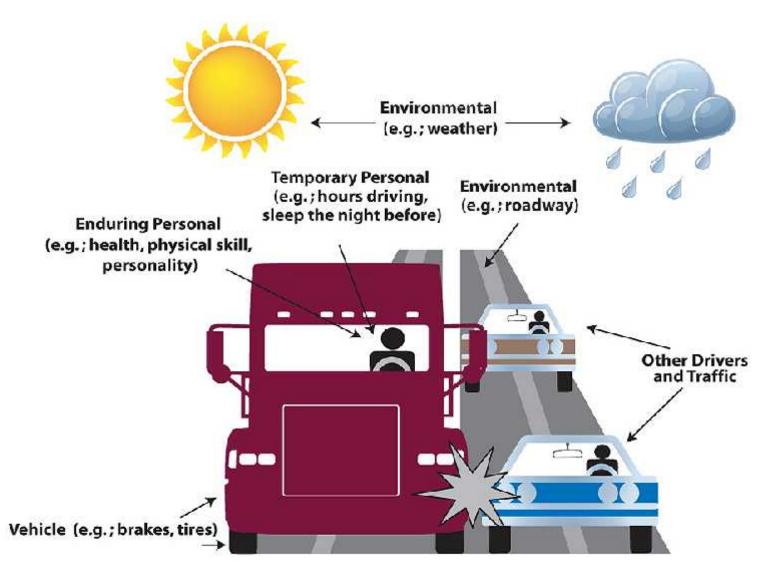
Large Truck Crash Causation Study (LTCCS) Percentages for Truck At-Fault Crashes

CR Category	Examples	%
Driver Physical Failure	Asleep-at-the-wheelHeart attackOther physical impairment	12%
Driver Recognition Failure	InattentionDistraction (internal or external)"Looked but did not see"	29%
Driver Decision Error	Too fast for conditionsFollowing too closelyMisjudgment or false assumption	40%
Driver Response Execution Error	OvercompensationPoor vehicle control/maneuveringPanic/freezing	6%
Vehicle Failure	Brake failureTire failureCargo shift	10%
Roadway/ Environment	Road signs/signals missingRoad designWeather and/or slick roads	3%

DRIVER ERROR = 88%!!!



Multiple Interacting factors & fauses







Driver Factors Associated with Risk

Aggressive/angry

Impatient/impulsive

Inattentive

Inexperienced (new driver)

Unhappy with job/company

Young (< 25)

Sleep disorder; e.g., sleep apnea

Unhappy marriage/family

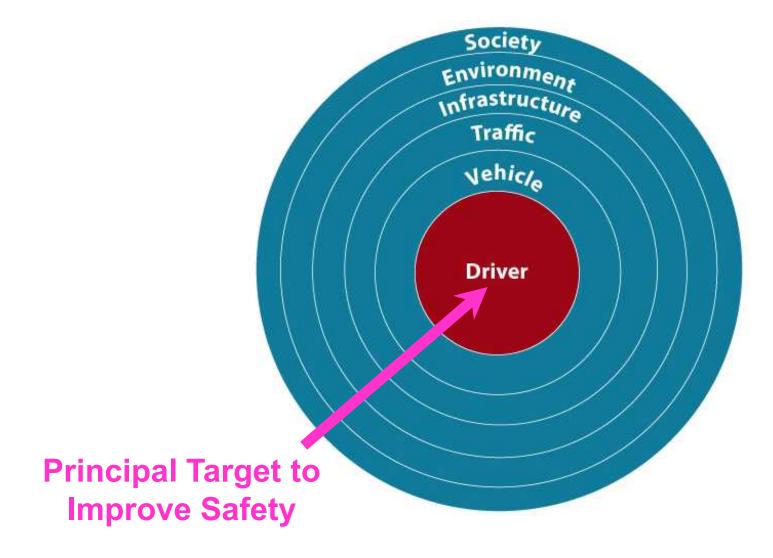
Debt/financial problems

Medical condition; e.g., heart

Personality & Risk Attitudes



Safety Management: Comprehensive and Targeted





Road safety and accident prevention at the heart of corporate culture



- Organisation
 - Human Resources
 - Commercial
 - Technical
 - Drivers
 - Management & finances
 - Procedures
 - Rolling stock
 - Customer relations
 - Insurers' role





Company organisation:

Key role of company manager

Personal involvement

Relayed to all company levels





The most important person/catalyst in road transport safety – The Transport Manager!

Human Resources:

- Driver selection
- Training
- Evaluation

Behavioral management:

- Rewards
- Discipline & remediation
- Vehicle technologies & maintenance
- Risk avoidance; e.g., dispatching & routing







Human Resources:

- Hiring: Check references, including road safety record
- Continuing education
- Prevention of risk behaviours:
 - Speeding
 - Alcohol / hygiene
 - Excess load
 - Driving & rest times
- → Training / information Checklists / first aid
 - → Incident identification
 - → Incident analysis and management





Business & operating procedures:

- → Management
- → Commercial staff
- → Technical staff
- Administrative & financial staff
- → Drivers & helpers

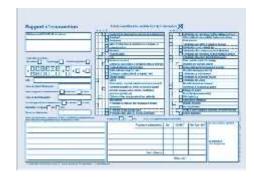






Rolling stock:

- Regular maintenance of vehicle fleet
 - Identification of each vehicle
 - Maintenance logbook
 - Incident logbook (on board)
 - Periodic servicing schedule
 - Random checks
 - Visual and sound checks on each return
 - Foremen entitled to prevent non-compliant vehicles leaving base
- Fleet renewal schedule & budget
- Protection and first aid equipment on board and regularly checked







Customer relations:

Reducing accident risks is also in the customer's interest:

 IRU General Conditions for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (3 November 2011)

and

IRU General Conditions for the International Carriage of Goods by Road and Logistic Services (3 November 2011)

- Make clients accountable
- Refuse excess loads
- Refuse instructions jeopardising safety (leading to excessive driving times and/or speeding),



The Insurers' role:

Insurers should acknowledge the company's efforts towards accident prevention by:

- Extending profit-sharing
- Supporting assistance networks
- Reducing or raising deductibles

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(http://www.iru.org/cms-filesystem-action/2009 InsuranceContracts/Guidelines-insurance.E.pdf)





The key role of public authorities:

- Make principals accountable for:
 - Excess loads and unsecured loads
 - Breach of safety rules due to instructions leading to:
 - Speeding
 - Non-compliance with driving or rest times
- Monitor subcontracting
 - Banning cut prices which do not cover basic costs
- Enforce and sanction in an efficient and resolute manner







The key role of public authorities (cont'd):

- Professional qualification requirements
- Financial incentives to allow fleet renewal
- Incentives to finance driver training and offset company losses during training periods









Public authorities

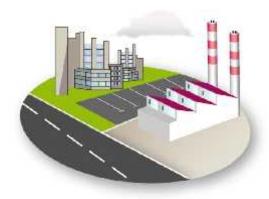




It's everybody's business



Consignor / transport organiser



Other road users



Road transport operator









































RICO Training Centre



































































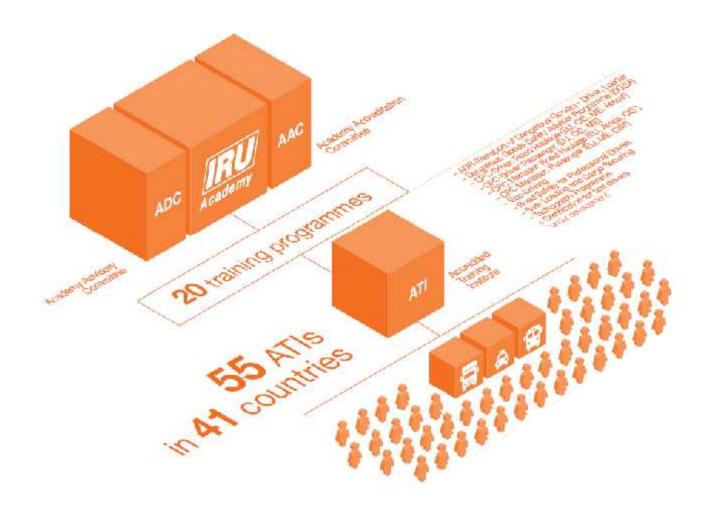








The IRU Academy at a glance







IRU Academy Interactive Programme on Safe Loading and Cargo Securing



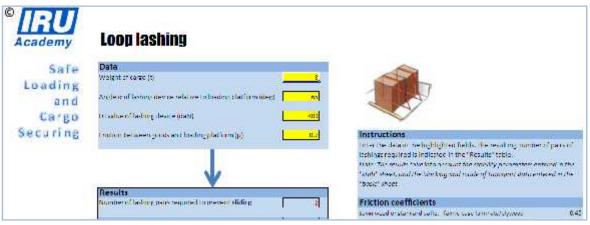
Industry reference guidelines

Interactive simulation environment





Calculator: Specific and practical advices



Latest International Reference Standard

EN 12195-1:2010



Contribution to Road Safety – IRU Academy

21 Professional Training Programmes





IRU Academy Dangerous Goods (ADR) Programme





Crash Prevention Programme





1-day classroom-based programme on crash prevention, compatible with periodical training format

- ✓ Highly visual combines simulation playbacks, on-board camera footage, and various videos
- ✓ Highly practical Evocative real-life crash cases illustrate the theory
- ✓ Highly engaging
 Focus on group discussions and crash case analysis
- ✓ Story-based The course is introduced by the story of a fatal crash, told by the truck driver
- ✓ Includes next generation truck simulator software license

Industry Best Practices





Focus on Priorities – Defensive/ECO-Driving?



A Defensive driving module combining technology and the latest training techniques that will improve efficiency and safety for the commercial sector;

Train-the-Trainer & Driver training that have been specifically designed for the road transport sector and contribute to:

- ✓ important financial savings in fuel and fleet costs,
- ✓ impact on the reduction of the road risks, accidents and casualties,
- ✓ significant reduction of CO₂ emissions and improve fuelefficiency.

