



Reduce Your Speed before Entering an Exit / Entrance Ramp

Truck rollovers are more likely to occur on exit/entrance ramps when the driver misjudges the sharpness of the ramp curve and enters the curve at an excessive speed. Here are some interesting facts that you may not be aware of:

- ➤ The posted speed limit on an exit/entrance ramp generally shows the safe speed for a passenger vehicle; the safe speed for a large truck is usually significantly lower than the posted speed.
- ➤ Even though ramps and interchanges make up less than 5% of all highway miles, 20 to 30% of all large-truck crashes occur on or near ramps.
- ➤ Large trucks with fully loaded trailers are 10 times more likely to roll over than those with empty trailers.
- ➤ Loaded trailers have a higher center of gravity and sudden speed adjustment may cause the load to shift, leading to skidding or a rollover.
- ➤ Loaded trailers require 20 to 40% more braking distance than passenger vehicles to come to a complete stop.
- ➤ 40% of speeding-related fatalities occur on curves.

Remember Accidents do not Happen they are Caused!

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