The Most Common Causes of Truck Accidents

1. Driver Error

Like all drivers, sometimes truck drivers make mistakes. That being said, most trucking accidents that are attributed to driver error are because of passenger vehicle drivers.

2. Driver Fatigue

Lack of sleep, inadequate exercise and poor eating habits can all lead to driver fatigue. Truck drivers are urged to not get behind the wheel if they believe that they are too tired to drive safely.

3. Improper Vehicle Maintenance

When a trucking company or other owner fails to perform routine or necessary maintenance on their vehicle, it creates a potentially dangerous — or even fatal — situation.

4. Improper Loading

When a trailer is loaded improperly, the cargo can shift and affect the way the truck operates, causing the driver to lose control. This loss of control can cause an accident that leads to severe injury.

5. Inclement Weather

Poor weather conditions can easily lead to an accident. Nothing short of experience will prepare a driver for operating their rig in bad weather, but a driver can slow down and increase their stopping distance.

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