Crash Preventability Determination Program

CRASH TYPE ELIGIBILITY GUIDE

The Crash Preventability Determination Program (CPDP) will only accept crashes that occurred on or after August 1, 2019, and are one of the eligible crash types. FMCSA uses eligibility standards to ensure that crashes can be reviewed and analyzed consistently.

This guide provides examples to help you determine if your crash is eligible for submission to the CPDP, but does not include all crash scenarios that may be eligible. Please remember, if your crash is not eligible under one crash type, it may be eligible under another. However, if you submit a Request for Data Review (RDR) in DataQs for a crash that does not qualify for any of the eligible crash types, the RDR will not be reviewed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the RDR will be closed.

STRUCK IN THE REAR EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
• The vehicle was traveling behind the Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) prior to the crash and strikes the CMV.

**Struck in the Rear**

**ELIGIBLE**

The vehicle that struck the CMV was driving directly behind the CMV and failed to stop in time.

**Rear Side Crash**

**NOT ELIGIBLE**

This scenario may be eligible under the Struck on Side at Rear crash type.

The vehicle that struck the CMV was traveling next to the CMV prior to the crash and struck the CMV on the side.

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https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/crash-preventability-determination-program
STRUCK IN THE REAR EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

Struck in the Rear
× NOT ELIGIBLE
The vehicle struck the CMV on the side.

STRUCK ON SIDE AT REAR EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
• The vehicle that struck the CMV was operating behind the CMV and struck it on the side at the rear of the vehicle (e.g., at the 5:00 or 7:00 positions).

Side at the Rear Crash
✓ ELIGIBLE
The vehicle was changing lanes to move behind the CMV and struck the CMV at the 7:00 position.

Side at the Rear Crash
✓ ELIGIBLE
The vehicle was merging into traffic and struck the CMV at the 5:00 position.
STRUCK ON SIDE AT REAR EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

Side Strike  
\[\times\] NOT ELIGIBLE
The vehicle that struck the CMV was operating beside the CMV and struck it near the front.

WRONG DIRECTION EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
• The other vehicle must be driving in the wrong direction (e.g. northbound in the southbound lanes) AND
• The other vehicle must be completely in the wrong lane (i.e. not partially across the center line); or
• The vehicle in the crash was driving in the wrong direction (e.g. northbound in the southbound lanes) AND
• The vehicle was completely in the wrong lane (i.e. not partially across the center line).

Over Center Line  
\[\checkmark\] ELIGIBLE
The vehicle that struck the CMV was completely over the center line and traveling in the wrong direction when the crash occurred.

Crossed the Median  
\[\checkmark\] ELIGIBLE
The vehicle that struck the CMV drove over the median and was traveling in the wrong direction when the crash occurred.
WRONG DIRECTION EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

**Wrong Direction Multi-Vehicle Crash**

✔ ELIGIBLE
Vehicle #1 is traveling in the same direction as the CMV on a multi-lane road.
Vehicle #2 is traveling southbound in the northbound lanes, and strikes vehicle #1 causing vehicle #1 to strike the CMV.

**Not Fully Over Center Line**

❌ NOT ELIGIBLE
The vehicle that struck the CMV was not completely over the center line when the crash occurred.

**Opposing Direction Sideswipe**

❌ NOT ELIGIBLE
The vehicle that struck the CMV was not completely over the center line when it side-swiped the CMV.

**CMV Struck in Intersection**

❌ NOT ELIGIBLE
The vehicle that struck the CMV was traveling in the correct direction and in the correct lane.

**Spin Out into CMV’s Lane**

❌ NOT ELIGIBLE
Vehicle #1 and vehicle #2 are traveling in the same direction as the CMV on a multi-lane road.
Vehicle #2 crashes into vehicle #1 causing it to spin and strike the CMV.
ILLEGAL TURNS EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
- The CMV was struck by a vehicle that was making a U-turn or illegal turn.

**U-Turn**
- **ELIGIBLE**
  The CMV was struck by a vehicle making a U-turn.

**Illegal Turn**
- **ELIGIBLE**
  The CMV was struck by a vehicle making an illegal turn.

**Illegal Turn**
- **ELIGIBLE**
  The CMV was struck while making a wide right turn by a vehicle attempting to get in front of the CMV by making a right turn on the shoulder.

**Legal Turn**
- **NOT ELIGIBLE**
  The vehicle that struck the CMV was making a legal turn at the time of the crash.
STRUCK WHILE PARKED OR LEGALLY STOPPED EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:

- The CMV was parked, including when the vehicle was unattended; or
- The CMV was stopped at a traffic control device (e.g. stop sign, red light, yield, railroad crossing, or school bus).

**Struck While Parked**

✅ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was parked in a parking space when the vehicle struck the CMV.

**Legally Stopped**

✅ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was struck by a vehicle when stopped at a traffic control device.

**Struck While Parked**

✅ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was parked in the breakdown lane when the vehicle struck the CMV.

**Legally Stopped**

✅ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was struck by a vehicle while stopped in a line of traffic at a traffic control device.
STRUCK WHILE PARKED OR LEGALLY STOPPED EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

Legally Stopped

**ELIGIBLE**

Vehicle #1 is struck by vehicle #2, causing vehicle #1 to strike the CMV while it is stopped at a traffic control device.

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Legally Stopped

**ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was stopped at a traffic control device and was struck by a vehicle making a wide turn.

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Parked

**ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was parked while employees were performing their duties (e.g. garbage truck, delivery truck, etc.).

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Stopped in Traffic

**NOT ELIGIBLE**

This scenario may be eligible under Struck in Rear; or Struck on the Rear Side; or Failure of the Other Vehicle to Stop.

The CMV was struck while stopped in traffic.
**FAILURE OF THE OTHER VEHICLE TO STOP EXAMPLES**

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
- The CMV was struck by a vehicle that did not stop or slow in traffic; or
- The CMV was struck by a vehicle that failed to stop at a traffic control device.

**Failure of Other Vehicle to Stop at a Traffic Control Device**

✔ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was struck in an intersection by another vehicle that failed to stop at a traffic control device.

**Stopped in Traffic**

✔ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was struck by another vehicle that failed to stop in traffic.

**UNDER THE INFLUENCE EXAMPLES**

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
- The CMV was struck by an individual under the influence (or related violation, such as operating while intoxicated), according to the legal standard of the jurisdiction where the crash occurred; where the individual was charged or arrested, failed a field sobriety or other test, or refused to test; or
- The CMV was struck by another motorist in a crash where an individual was under the influence (or related violation such as operating while intoxicated), according to the legal standard of the jurisdiction where the crash occurred where the individual was charged or arrested, failed a field sobriety test or other tests, or refused to test.

**Struck by a Driver Under the Influence**

✔ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was struck by a driver who was arrested for being under the influence, and this was documented in the police accident report.

**Struck by a Vehicle That Was Hit by a Driver Under the Influence**

✔ **ELIGIBLE**

The CMV was struck by a vehicle that was involved in a crash with a driver who failed a field sobriety test, and this was documented in the police accident report.
INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE INFLUENCE EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

Lack of Documentation

X NOT ELIGIBLE

The police accident report does not document that the driver that struck the CMV or contributed to the crash was under the influence as documented by an arrest, citation, failed sobriety test, or refusal of test.

MEDICAL ISSUES, FALLING ASLEEP, OR DISTRACTED DRIVING EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:

• The driver who struck the CMV experienced a medical issue which contributed to the crash; or
• The driver who struck the CMV admitted falling asleep; or
• The driver who struck the CMV admitted distracted driving (e.g. cellphone, GPS, passengers, etc.).

Medical Issue

✓ ELIGIBLE

The CMV was struck by a driver who experienced a medical issue that was documented in the police accident report.

Falling Asleep

✓ ELIGIBLE

The CMV was struck by a driver who admitted to falling asleep, and this was documented on the police accident report.
MEDICAL ISSUES OR DISTRACTED DRIVING EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

Distracted Driving

✅ ELIGIBLE

The CMV was struck by a driver who admitted to texting while driving, and this was documented on the police accident report.

Lack of Documentation

❌ NOT ELIGIBLE

The police accident report does not document that the driver experienced a medical issue, admitted to falling asleep, or admitted to distracted driving (e.g. cellphone, GPS, passengers, etc.) prior to striking the CMV.

CARGO/EQUIPMENT/DEBRIS OR INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:

- The CMV was struck by cargo, equipment or debris (e.g. fallen rock, fallen trees, unidentifiable items in the road); or
- The CMV crashed as a result of an infrastructure failure.

Cargo

✅ ELIGIBLE

The CMV was struck by another vehicle carrying a wide load.

Cargo

✅ ELIGIBLE

The CMV was struck by cargo that came off of another vehicle.
CARGO/EQUIPMENT/DEBRIS OR INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

**Equipment**  
✓ ELIGIBLE  
The CMV was struck by a tire that came off of another vehicle.

**Equipment**  
✓ ELIGIBLE  
The CMV was struck by a trailer that detached from another truck.

**Debris**  
✓ ELIGIBLE  
The CMV struck a fallen tree.

**Infrastructure Failure**  
✓ ELIGIBLE  
The CMV struck a fallen power line.

**Hit by Another Vehicle Involved in an Accident**  
✗ NOT ELIGIBLE  
The CMV was hit by another vehicle that was not cargo.

**Crashed Avoiding Debris**  
✗ NOT ELIGIBLE  
The CMV struck another vehicle avoiding cargo/debris/equipment in the road.
STRUCK AN ANIMAL EXAMPLES

THE CMV STRUCK AN ANIMAL
For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
• The CMV struck an animal.

Struck an Animal
✔ ELIGIBLE
The CMV struck the animal.

Avoiding an Animal
✘ NOT ELIGIBLE
The CMV attempted to avoid an animal and crashed into another object or ran off the road.

SUICIDE OR SUICIDE ATTEMPT EXAMPLES

For a crash to be eligible under the selected type:
• The CMV must have struck an individual committing or attempting to commit suicide (i.e., documentation provides evidence that the individual committed or attempted to commit suicide).

Suicide Attempt
✔ ELIGIBLE
The CMV struck an individual and the police accident report, or other provided documents, substantiates that the individual was attempting suicide.

Lack of Documentation
✘ NOT ELIGIBLE
The police accident report or other documents provided does not substantiate that the individual struck was attempting suicide.