



# Sharing the Road Safely in Louisiana

Large trucks and buses maneuver differently than other vehicles and often face unique safety challenges.

In 2021 Louisiana experienced:

116 fatal crashes<sup>1</sup> involving CMVs

15.76% increase<sup>1</sup> in total CMV crashes and a 30% increase in fatal crashes involving CMVs when compared to 2020

702 crashes<sup>1</sup> involving a CMV caused by inattentive, careless, negligent, or erratic driving

35.1% of fatal CMV crashes<sup>2</sup> were rear-end crashes, followed by right angle accounting for 18.4%

## SOURCE

Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety: <https://carts.lsu.edu/datareports/report/cmvcv>  
<sup>1</sup>Commercial Vehicle Safety in Louisiana - An Analysis of Truck Crashes for 2021



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Partnership for Responsible Driving



## Follow these tips from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's *Our Roads, Our Safety* campaign:



### Maintain a Safe Speed

Everyone on the road should obey traffic laws, and particularly the speed limit. Maintain a safe speed and appropriate following distance.



### Stay Focused Behind the Wheel

Driving distracted is as dangerous as driving impaired. Eliminate distractions by taking proper precautions before you leave.



### Always Wear a Seat Belt

Fatal crashes on America's roadways are rising, and a major contributing factor is not wearing a seat belt. Wear your seat belt every time you drive or ride.



### Get a Good Night's Rest

Driving when you're fatigued, feeling ill, or using medications (including over-the-counter medicine) that make you drowsy or dizzy can impair judgment and reaction time. All drivers should try to get 7-8 hours of sleep per night and consider taking a 15-minute power nap while at a truck stop or rest area.

Every Louisianan is responsible for sharing the road safely. For more information on driving safely on our roads, visit [www.ShareTheRoadSafely.gov](http://www.ShareTheRoadSafely.gov).