

FMCSA's safety programs use data from 3.4 million roadside inspections and 140,000 crashes each year to prioritize its enforcement resources on those motor carriers that pose the greatest safety risks on our Nation's roads.

Studies show that crash involvement is a strong indicator of future crash risk. The Crash Preventability Demonstration Program allows FMCSA to gather data to examine the feasibility, costs, and benefits of making crash preventability determinations on certain crash types. FMCSA will use the information from the program to evaluate if these preventability determinations improve the Agency's ability to identify the highest-risk motor carriers.

If you have an eligible crash on or after June 1, 2017 and you have evidence to show the crash was not preventable, you can participate in the Crash Preventability Demonstration Program.

Starting July 1, 2017, just follow the instructions below to submit a Request for Data Review (RDR) in FMCSA's [DataQs](#) system.

How Do I Submit a Crash?

If you have an eligible crash, visit [DataQs](#) to submit an RDR and include supporting documents, photos, or videos.

What Is an Eligible Crash?

The following crash types are eligible for participation in the program:

- When the CMV was struck by a motorist driving under the influence (or related offense);
- When the CMV was struck by a motorist driving the wrong direction;
- When the CMV was struck in the rear;
- When the CMV was struck while legally stopped or parked, including when the vehicle was unattended;
- When the CMV was struck an individual committing or attempting to commit suicide by stepping or driving in front of the CMV;
- When the CMV sustained disabling damage after striking an animal in the roadway;
- When the crash resulted from an infrastructure failure, or falling trees, rocks, or debris; or
- When the CMV was struck by cargo or equipment from another vehicle.

What Happens Next?

FMCSA will review RDRs submitted into the Crash Demonstration Program in the order received. If FMCSA reviews a crash and determines it to be not preventable, the Agency will post notification of the preliminary determination on [DataQs](#) for 30 days. During this time, anyone with documentation or data to refute the preliminary determination may go to [DataQs](#) and submit documentation that should be considered before a final decision is made.

How Will Determinations Be Displayed?

FMCSA's [Safety Measurement System \(SMS\)](#) will display the final determinations of reviewed crashes.

- **Not Preventable:** The crash will appear on the public display of [SMS](#) with a notation that reads "FMCSA reviewed this crash and determined that it was not preventable."
 - The Crash Indicator BASIC on the motor carrier and enforcement views of [SMS](#) will display calculations with and without the not preventable crashes.
- **Preventable:** The crash will appear on the public display of [SMS](#) with a notation that reads "FMCSA reviewed this crash and determined that it was preventable."
- **Undecided:** If the documentation provided with the RDR does not allow for a conclusive determination, the crash will appear on the public display of [SMS](#) with a notation that reads "FMCSA reviewed this crash and could not make a preventability determination based on the evidence provided."

Determinations made during the Crash Preventability Demonstration Program will not impact FMCSA's other systems.

Where Can I find More Information on the Crash Preventability Demonstration Program?

Visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/crash-preventability-program> for more information.