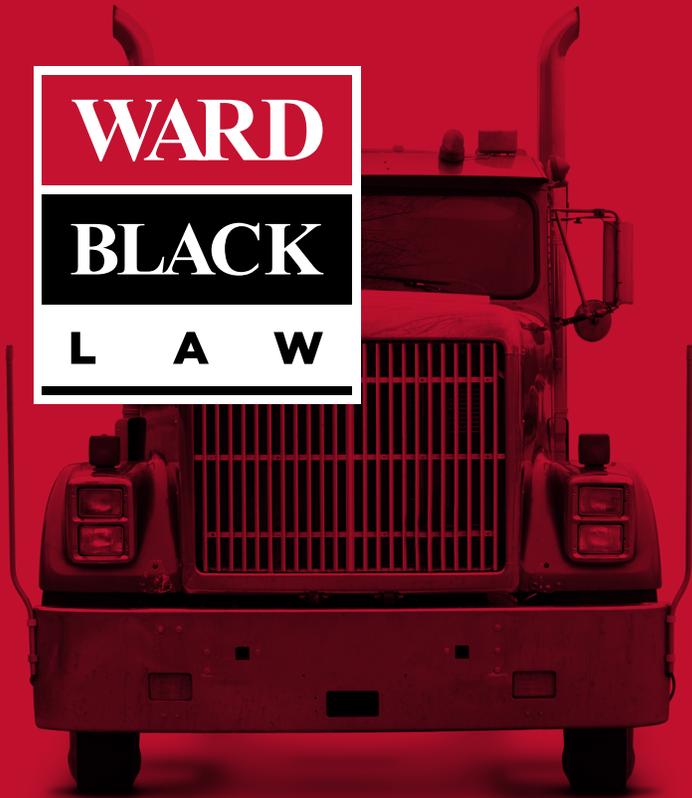
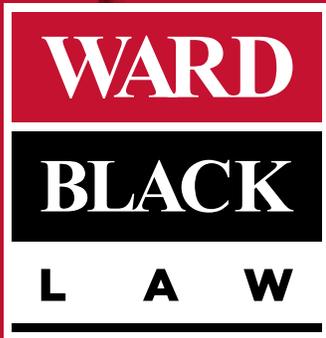


The Truck Accident Checklist



Understand the Players, Risks, and Rules of Tractor-Trailer Accidents

Use this guide to protect your rights and increase your chances of receiving fair compensation for your injuries or for the injuries or death of your loved one.



North Carolina Truck Accidents

IN 2016, THERE WERE

97

fatal crashes involving tractor trailers

2,093

truck crashes with injuries

6 Parties Could Be Responsible



TRUCK DRIVER



TRUCKING COMPANY



TRUCK MAINTENANCE COMPANY



FREIGHT OWNER



LOADING PERSONNEL



FREIGHT INSPECTOR

Speed & Fatigue

2 most common causes of truck accidents

24-48 Hours

Insurance investigators for the trucking company will arrive at the accident scene to collect evidence and witness statements

Evidence Collected By Attorney

An experienced tractor-trailer accident lawyer will seek to collect the following evidence:



Trucker's driving log
or record of duty



Electronic
Logging Device
(ELD)



Event Data
Recorder
(Black Box)



Maintenance
records of the
truck and trailer



Safety records of driver
and transportation
company



Any evidence of a
trucker's substance
abuse problem



Police report
from accident



Statements from
witnesses



Medical records of
accident victim to
document injuries and
treatment



Photos and repair
estimates of
victim's vehicle

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WAYS YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

- ✓ Take photos and video at the accident scene if possible.
- ✓ Photograph your injuries early on.
- ✓ Keep a journal about the accident and your injuries. You may be asked to recount details later.
- ✓ Note the weather, road conditions, visibility, and traffic on the day of the accident.
- ✓ Avoid making statements to any insurance company, even your own, until you are able to consult with a lawyer.
- ✓ Refrain from social media posts about the accident.
- ✓ Follow the doctor's advice. Failure to do so may imply you are not injured as badly as you claim.



Need to Talk to a Truck Accident Lawyer?

The experienced team at Ward Black Law has a history of excellent client service and successful awards in tractor-trailer cases. We can advance and complete your case with no money out of your pocket.

To talk with the Ward Black Law team or schedule an attorney consultation,
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