Driving Health Report #2

**Work-Related Injury and Disease In Australian Truck Drivers**

**REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

**Time Scale**

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<td><strong>120,742</strong></td>
<td><strong>accepted compensation claims for work-related injury and illness in truck drivers</strong></td>
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These injuries and diseases resulted in the loss of productive working time totalling

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**Compensated fatalities among truck drivers over this period.**

**Truck drivers had a 13 fold higher risk of dying at work than other Australian workers.**

**VEHICLE CRASHES**

- **17%**

**OTHER CAUSES**

- **83%**

Vehicle crashes accounted for 17% of the total working time lost to injury and disease in truck drivers. 83% arose from injury and disease caused by musculoskeletal and psychological stress, falls, slips and trips and other causes.

**65+**

Drivers over 65 years were at the highest risk of work-related injury and disease, and took much longer off work than younger drivers when injured.

**5 wks**

The most common type of injury in truck drivers was musculoskeletal injury (such as back pain). Drivers with these injuries took 5 weeks off work.

**10 wks**

Mental health conditions were less common, but drivers with such conditions took more than 10 weeks off work.

More than three quarters of work-related deaths in truck drivers were due to vehicle crashes.