

Construction Fleet – Specialized tools for heavy trucks and carriers

What if contractors could reduce fleet accidents without reinventing the wheel?

Zurich has a full compliment of tools and solutions designed to address the needs of construction contractors in developing or enhancing their auto risk management program.

The challenge

Heavy vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of occupational fatalities, accounting for 5,215 deaths in 2005 alone.¹ The average cost of a heavy vehicle incident involving a fatality is in excess of \$3.5 million.²

Construction operations require heavy trucks to move supplies and equipment on and off the job sites. Contractors use a variety of heavy vehicles ranging from straight trucks and tri-axle dumps to semi-tractors and trailers.

Oftentimes incidents involving heavy vehicles are more severe than those involving smaller vehicles due to the larger size and weight. The exposures inherent in using these heavy vehicles represent a very real threat to the financial viability of the company.

Source: ¹ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
² Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

The solution

Zurich Services Corporation offers several programs, computer based tools (CBTs) and consultative services designed to help reduce the risk of vehicle incidents on the job.

Our specialized solutions include items such as:

Driving to Success

This handbook compiles useful information for evaluating company authorized drivers. It includes general company rules and policies, permitted use policy, minimum driver eligibility criteria, Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) evaluation points system, driver evaluation categories, driver intervention record, accident scene and accident review procedures, vehicle maintenance and garaging practices.

Virtual Risk Manager (VRM) – Fleet

This online tool allows contractors to assess a driver's experience prior to authorizing use of a company vehicle. This assessment includes:

- Driving experience
- Hazard recognition skills
- Driving attitude
- Quality of MVR

10-4 Defensive Driving

This program provides training designed to illustrate why drivers' typical reaction times and information processing capabilities are not suited to the driving task. It introduces skills and techniques designed to overcome these limitations.

Company Safety Profile Analysis

This tool allows contractors to better use the information from the roadside inspections of their heavy vehicles.

Crash management tools

This comprehensive program is designed to provide drivers with the key information needed to document and report their vehicle incidents including:

- Vehicle accident kit and crash information checklist
- Driver responsibilities at the accident scene
- Supervisor accident response kit
- Post accident substance abuse testing
- Zurich C.a.r.e.® Directory Online

Benefits

These solutions can help management improve their vehicle safety program, assess the risk levels of employees using any vehicles and provide an effective means to reduce exposure.

- Provides an evaluation of policies and strategies for driver qualification
- Assists in developing and implementing control programs for non-owned vehicle fleets
- Offers guidance in meeting American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards
- Supports driver observation coaching and training for supervisors

Program details

Zurich works with contractors to develop motor fleet safety programs that are consistent with the best practices suggested by ANSI Z15.1 standards.

We assist companies in identifying potential “at-risk” drivers and offer consultative insight into the driving behaviors of employees operating heavy vehicles on company-related business.

Once “at risk” drivers have been identified, Zurich offers strategies and tools to “coach” these drivers to reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring.

For more information

For more information on Zurich’s construction fleet – specialized tools for heavy trucks and carriers, please contact your risk engineering account coordinator.

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