

Heavy Vehicle Industry Safety Survey 2024



Construction Industry

The majority of responses came from:

Role **58% Drivers** **30% Managers**



Experience

49% 20+ years
14% 10-14 years
14% 1-5 years or less



Transporting

35% Locally
44% Interstate
21% Intrastate



Based in

41% VIC
27% NSW
16% QLD



Business size

12% 21 - 50 employees
37% 2-10 employees
18% 1 employee



Safety insights



85%

of respondents feel that employees can raise concerns about safety issues.



86%

of respondents stated that incidents are reported.



80%

of respondents agree that management are visible in the workplace and demonstrate an interest in safety.



85%

of respondents agree that employees understand what is required to fulfil their safety responsibilities.



74%

of respondents feel that work is scheduled in a way that reduces time pressures.



87%

of respondents agree that drivers frequently assess risks associated with the driving task (e.g. weather/road conditions).



83%

of respondents agree that employees are able to say no when asked to undertake an activity if they believe it is unsafe.



83%

of respondents believe that safety is an important part of all business activities and decision making.



94%

of respondents stated that drivers frequently inspect the vehicle for potential safety defects prior to operating.



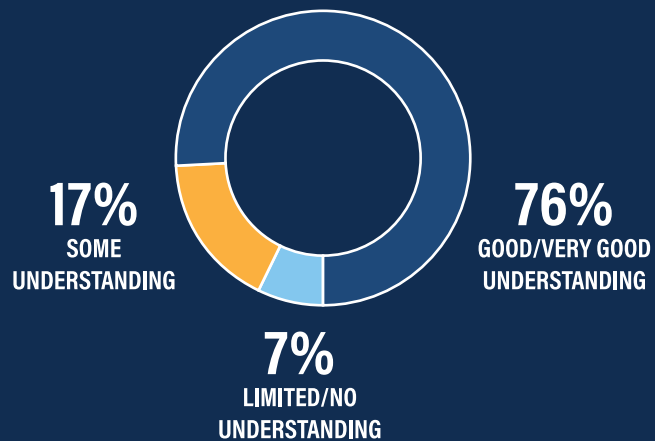
76%

of respondents agree that safety investigations focus on improving safety rather than blaming an employee.

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Understanding of Chain of Responsibility



Safety Communication

81% of respondents agree that safety related information is communicated to all staff.

92% MANAGERS AGREE

68% DRIVERS AGREE

Safety communications appear to be significantly less effective at reaching respondents in driver and loaders roles.



Safety promotions and training



71%

of respondents agree that relevant safety training is provided on an ongoing basis.

83%
MANAGERS AGREE

56%
DRIVERS AGREE



77%

of respondents stated that relevant safety training is provided to new staff at the time of induction.

88%
MANAGERS AGREE

62%
DRIVERS AGREE



68%

of respondents believe that there is an ongoing program of safety promotion and communication.

81%
MANAGERS AGREE

52%
DRIVERS AGREE

There is a notable gap between the survey responses of drivers and manager concerning safety promotion and training.

NHVR advice and guidance materials



57%

of respondents were aware of Regulatory Advice Material.



9 in 10

respondents that have used NHVR advice and guidance materials found them useful.



68%

of respondents were aware of Industry Codes of Practice.