

Heavy Vehicle Industry Safety Survey 2024



General Freight Industry

The majority of responses came from:

Role **66% Drivers** **23% Managers**



Experience

52% 20+ years
12% 10-14 years
15% 1-5 years or less



Transporting

35% Locally
44% Interstate
21% Intrastate



Based in

32% VIC
25% NSW
18% QLD



Business size

14% 21 - 50 employees
28% 2-10 employees
13% 1 employee



Safety insights



81%

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



82%

of respondents stated that incidents are reported.



80%

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



77%

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



81%

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



73%

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



84%

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



78%

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



94%

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



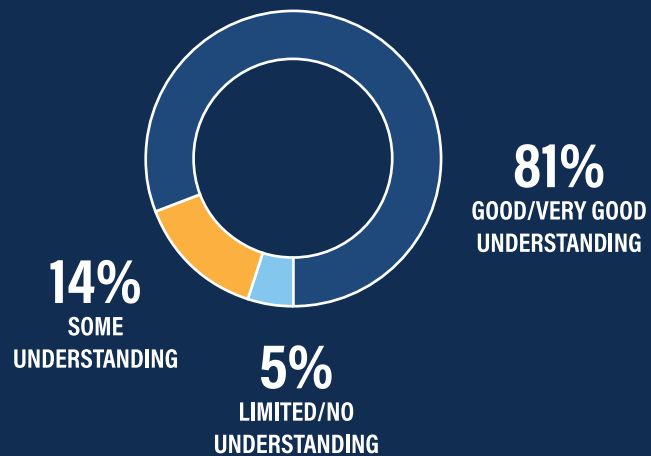
70%

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

74% of respondents agree that safety related information is communicated to all staff.

89% MANAGERS AGREE

60% DRIVERS AGREE

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



Safety promotions and training



NHVR advice and guidance materials

