

Safety for all involved in heavy vehicle road transport activities is the number one priority for the NHVR, and one of the best ways to manage hazards and risks for improved safety is by having a Safety Management System (SMS) in your business. We conducted this survey to better understand SMS implementation in our industry. Construction and Landscape Products Sector results are shown.

Insights into respondent profile

Respondents from this sector were more likely to be owner drivers and undertake local trips compared to other industry sectors.

There were **679** survey responses from the construction and landscape products sector, with the most responses from:

	Role	Owner driver 76% Management 43%
	Based in	VIC 59% NSW 16% QLD 13%
	Working in heavy vehicle industry	20+ years 48%
	Business size	1-10 heavy vehicles 57%
	Transporting goods	Local 83% Intrastate 14%

Reporting of safety events within the business

Identifying hazards and reporting safety incidents are important steps in risk management.

- ▶ **91%** of respondents said that incidents are reported
- ▶ **60%** of respondents* report safety related near misses

*Asked of management and drivers

Safety communications and training

Regular and relevant safety communication and training are key elements of an SMS.

- ▶ **79%** of respondents agreed that relevant safety training was provided on an ongoing basis.

Safety communications are not as effective at reaching operational staff as they are other staff.

- ▶ While **79%** of managers agree that there is an ongoing program of safety promotions and communication, only **57%** of drivers agreed.

Vehicle safety technologies

Each survey we ask topical questions, and this year we asked about understanding of vehicle safety technologies.

Technologies most understood

	Antilock Braking	83%
	Daytime Running Lamps	74%
	Reversing Safety Systems	77%

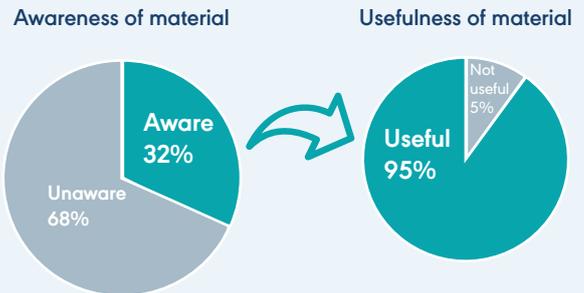
Technologies least understood

	Stability Control Systems	67%
	Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB)	61%
	Side and rear underrun protection systems	56%

NHVR SMS guidance materials

The NHVR has developed core SMS guidance materials to help businesses implement an SMS.

- ▶ **32%** of respondents said that they were aware of the materials, however over **9 in 10 (95%)** respondents who had used the materials found them useful.



You can find these materials on the [NHVR website](#)

Safety insights for the construction and landscape products sector

In the business

- ▶ **9 in 10 (90%)** people reported feeling safe at work
- ▶ **93%** of businesses actively consider safety risks
- ▶ **88%** ensure risk controls are communicated to staff
- ▶ **75%** monitor safety performance

Driver safety practices



These results were independently collected through a survey by Insync.