

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. Owner Driver results are shown.

Vehicle safety technologies

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

Technologies most understood



Technologies least understood



Insights into respondent profile

Owner drivers were likely to own and operate one vehicle and to transport goods locally.

There were **1026** survey responses from people who identified as owner drivers, with the most responses from:

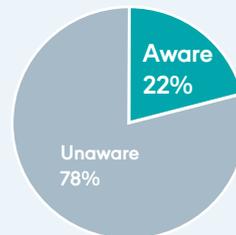


NHVR SMS guidance materials

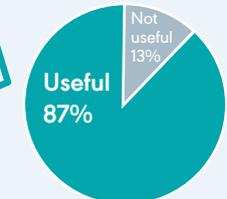
The NHVR has developed core SMS guidance materials to help businesses implement an SMS.

- ▶ **22%** of owner drivers said that they were aware of the materials.
- ▶ Of those who had used the materials, **87%** found them to be useful.
- ▶ **97%** of those who had viewed the videos found them to be useful.

Awareness of material



Usefulness of material



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

Safety insights for Owner Drivers

The most frequent safety practices of owner drivers are to inspect the vehicle and assess risks associated with the driving task.

- ▶ In comparison only 1 in 3 (35%) owner drivers indicated that they attended safety related training on a regular basis.

