

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. Primary Production and Farming Sector results are shown.

Insights into respondent profile

Respondents from this sector were more likely to be owner drivers or in smaller businesses (1 - 10 vehicles), and more likely to have been in the industry for longer than 20 years, compared to other industry sectors.

There were **573** survey responses from people working in the primary production and farming sector, with the most responses from:

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|  | Role | Owner driver 80% Management 42% |
|  | Based in | VIC 57% SA 17% NSW 14% |
|  | Working in heavy vehicle industry | 20+ years 59% |
|  | Business size | 1-10 heavy vehicles 80% |
|  | Transporting goods | Local 60% Intrastate 25% |

Safety communications and training

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

▶ **68%** 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 **69%** of managers agree that there is an ongoing program of safety promotions and communication, only **47%** of drivers agreed.

Reporting of safety events within the business

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

▶ **87%** of respondents said that incidents are reported
▶ **52%** of respondents* report safety related near misses

*Asked of management and drivers

Vehicle safety technologies

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

Technologies most understood

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|  | Antilock Braking | 81% |
|  | Daytime Running Lamps | 72% |
|  | Reversing Safety Systems | 61% |

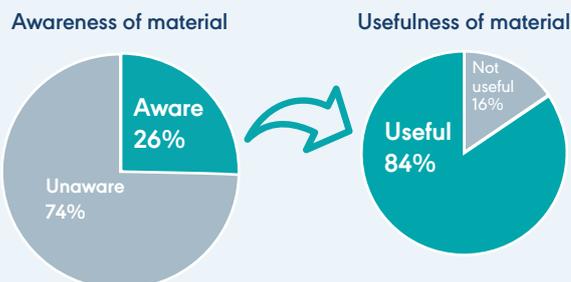
Technologies least understood

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|  | Stability Control Systems | 46% |
|  | Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB) | 45% |
|  | Side and rear underrun protection systems | 43% |

NHVR SMS guidance materials

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

▶ **26%** of respondents said that they were aware of the materials, however **4 in 5 (84%)** respondents who had used the materials found them useful.



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

Safety insights for the primary production and farming sector

In the business

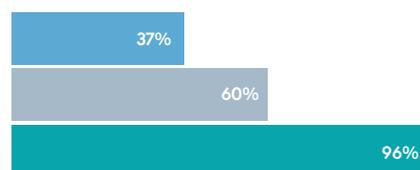
- ▶ Just over **9 in 10 (92%)** people reported feeling safe at work
- ▶ **87%** of businesses actively consider safety risks
- ▶ **84%** ensure risk controls are communicated to staff
- ▶ **62%** monitor safety performance

Driver safety practices

37% often/always attend safety training related to their roles, but 48% rarely or never do

Undertake regular personal health check up

Inspect the vehicle prior to operating



These results were independently collected through a survey by Insync.