

Heavy Vehicle Industry Safety Survey 2020




Focus on Sub-contractor Drivers

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. Sub-contractor 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


	Reversing Safety Systems	80%
	Tyre pressure management devices	80%
	Antilock Braking	78%

Technologies least understood

	Side and rear underrun protection systems	69%
	Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB)	67%
	Stability Control Systems	65%

Insights into respondent profile

There were **153*** survey responses from people who identified as sub-contractor drivers, with the most responses from:

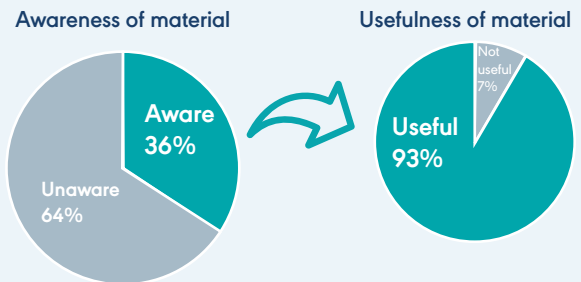
	Based in	VIC 76%	NSW 10%	QLD 8%
	Working in heavy vehicle industry	20+ years 50%		
	Transporting goods	Local 72%	Intrastate 15%	Interstate 13%

* due to the small sample size the survey results only provide an indication for sub-contractor drivers.

NHVR SMS guidance materials

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

- ▶ **36%** of sub-contractor drivers said that they were aware of the materials.
- ▶ Of those who had used the materials, over **9 in 10 (93%)** found them to be useful.



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

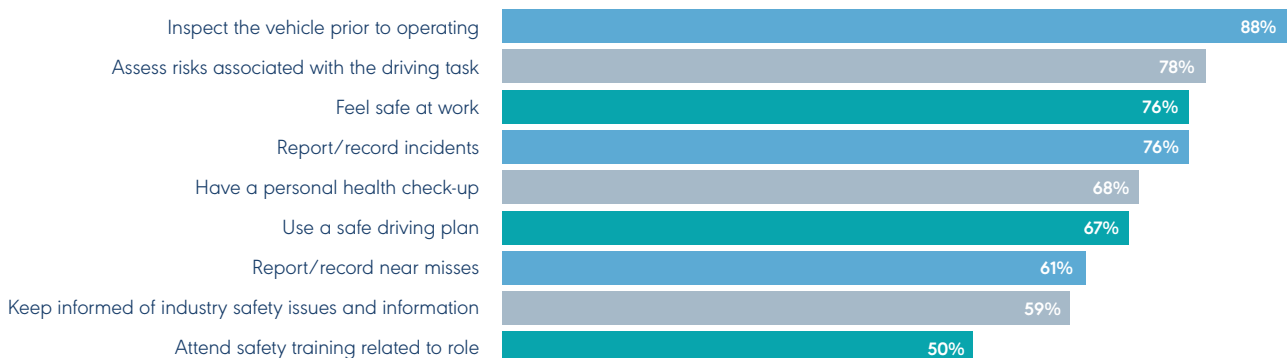
Safety specifications in contracts

- ▶ **68%** of sub-contractor drivers indicated that they had safety standards or requirements specified in their contracts.
- ▶ However only half of sub-contractor drivers (**51%**) reported that the business they sub-contract to monitors and reviews their safety performance.

Safety insights for sub-contractor drivers

The most frequent safety practice of sub-contractor drivers was to inspect their vehicle prior to operating.

- ▶ In comparison only **50%** of sub-contractor drivers indicated that they attend safety training on a regular basis.



These results were independently collected through a survey by Insync.