



## UPPER PENINSULA HEAVY TRUCK/BUS INVOLVED CRASHES

These crashes involve a heavy truck/bus - defined as having a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) over 10,000 lbs.

Heavy truck/bus crashes differ from other vehicle crashes in a number of ways, many reflecting the size and use of these vehicles. **When compared to the overall crash picture, heavy truck/bus crash involvement includes:**

- More turning, backing, and avoiding vehicle as the Truck/Bus Driver Action Prior to Crash
- More fire/explosion, cargo loss/shift, jackknife, and “other non-collisions” as the Most Harmful Event
- Fewer single-vehicle crashes, but more sideswipe, rear-end, and angle crashes
- Fewer truck/bus drivers indicated to be speeding or careless/negligent driving, but more truck/bus drivers indicated to be making backing and turning errors
- More shoulder crashes, but less outside of shoulder/curb crashes
- More crashes between the hours of 6:00 AM and 5:59 PM, but fewer crashes between 6:00 PM and 5:59 AM
- More weekday crashes, and a significant drop in weekend crashes