# Be An Extra-Safe Driver Stats and Facts



## FACTS

1. Implementing a driver safety program will help your organization keep employees safer and can potentially.
2. Getting behind the wheel of your car is likely to be the most dangerous thing you will do all day.
3. Although you can’t control the actions of other motorists, you have a great deal of control over how you operate your vehicle. You can increase your chances for a safe trip by taking necessary precautions.
4. Motor vehicle accidents are the major cause of occupational deaths. Most vehicle accidents are the result of driver error or poor operating practices. Drivers assume responsibility for their own safety and that of others on the roadways.
5. Distracted driving and defensive driving are two ways a driver can make significant changes in driving habits. Distracted driving is defined as any non-driving activity a driver engages in that has the potential to distract them from the primary act of driving and increases the risk of crashing.
6. All workers are at risk of crashes, whether they drive light or heavy vehicles.

## STATS

- Motor vehicle accidents are the most common cause of accidental death in the United States. They are also the most common cause of workplace deaths, representing about one in four fatal work injuries.
- Every 12 minutes someone dies in a motor vehicle crash, every 10 seconds an injury occurs, and every 5 seconds a crash occurs. These accidents occur during the workday or during the commute to and from work.
- Motor vehicle crashes are the 1st or 2nd leading cause of death in every major industry group.
- In 2017, 1,299 U.S. workers driving or riding in a motor vehicle on a public road died in a work-related crash.
- The highest proportion of roadway fatalities involved semi, tractor-trailer, and tanker trucks (38%), followed by pickup trucks (14%), delivery trucks/vans (11%) and automobiles (9%).
- An additional 522 deaths in 2017 (10% of all work-related deaths) involved workers driving or riding in a motor vehicle off a public road, or

pedestrians struck by motor vehicles.

- More than 1 in 3 long-haul truck drivers have experienced a serious truck crash during their career.
- In 2017, 3% of large-truck drivers involved in fatal crashes had a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or more, compared to 21% of passenger-car drivers.