

# FACE TOOLKIT

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## Addressing Driver Fatigue

Why is driver fatigue such a concern for the trucking industry? Nearly 4,000 people are killed in large truck crashes each year in the US, and driver fatigue is a leading factor<sup>1</sup>. In this Kentucky FACE Toolkit, you will find a narrative video as well as a report which details an investigation of a semi truck driver who was killed after he fell asleep behind the wheel. This report and accompanying video will contain safety recommendations that, when followed, can help prevent future incidents involving driver fatigue.

### Contained in the Toolkit

You can find the contents of the toolkit in the following locations:

- 1) Semi Truck Driver Falls Asleep While Driving, Crashes and Dies (11KY009)  
<http://www.mc.uky.edu/kiprc/projects/KOSHS/face/data/Reports/11KY009.pdf>
- 2) Digital FACE Story: 11KY009  
<http://www.screencast.com/t/OiwTVwwlCiDc>

*“Working long hours on a continuing basis is associated with chronic fatigue, a high risk of crashes and a number of serious chronic health conditions in drivers.”*

- FMCSA<sup>2</sup>



Photo Caption

In a causation study by the FMCSA, driver fatigue ranked among the top 10 self-reported contributing factors to large truck crashes (13%)<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Why We Care About Truck Driver Fatigue. *US DOT*

<sup>2</sup>Real-World Hours-of-Service Study Shows Drivers Using New Restart Are More Alert, Less Fatigued. *FMCSA*.

<sup>3</sup>The Large Truck Crash Causation Study– Analysis Brief. *FMCSA*