

Impaired truckers pose public-safety risk: Database

Truckers hauling explosive or flammable loads have killed and badly injured people after getting drunk or stoned behind the wheel, an analysis by The Canadian Press has found.

Government crash reports reveal that thousands of people who transport dangerous cargo put themselves — and others — at even greater risk by driving while impaired and not taking enough care on Canada's roads and rails.

The Canadian Press obtained the database of reported accidents involving the transport of dangerous goods under the Access to Information Act.

An analysis found sleeping drivers, carelessness and negligence and handling cargo the wrong way are just some other reasons for thousands of crashes in the last 20 years.

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20,000 Over half of the crash database's 20,000 entries list "human" error as a factor.

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