National safety belt use rate for motor carrier drivers is 48%.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (CFR Title 49 Part 392.16) require commercial motor vehicle drivers to wear safety belts.

- Enforcement officers have the authority to pull drivers over to write citations.
- Federal violation allows for a fine up to $2,700.
- Kansas violation allows for a fine up to $500.

Current National Statistics:

- 1 out 9 traffic fatalities resulted from a collision involving a large truck.
- About 27,000 large truck occupants suffer nonfatal injuries.
- More than half of the 620 truck drivers killed in crashes were unbuckled.
- 70% of the truck drivers killed, who were not wearing a safety belt, were killed in single vehicle crashes.
- 51% of truck occupant fatalities involve rollover.
- Drivers in rollover crashes are 80% less likely to die when wearing safety belts.
- 68% of the fatal crashes occurred in rural areas.
- 66% of the fatal crashes occurred during the daytime.
- 8% of fatal crashes involved large trucks.

Current Kansas Statistics:

- 4,175 crashes and 70 fatalities occurred involving large trucks.
- 11.1% of fatal crashes in Kansas involved large trucks.