

SAFETY NEWS

Tank Truck Drivers!!! This Sign's For You!



What Percentage of Cargo Tank Rollovers Occur On Exit Ramps?

- A. 25% B. 53% C. 7% D. 73%

YOU might be surprised to learn that according to a recent study conducted for the U. S. Department of Transportation, only about 7% of cargo tank rollovers occur on exit ramps. Eight times as many rollovers occur on straight roadways, often when a driver “over-corrects” after dropping a wheel off the road surface, or becoming distracted.

Signs like the one above notify you that you are headed into a driving challenge at a ramp. You have been trained to drop below the posted speed and you FOCUS all of your driving skills on safely navigating the ramp. You are at the top of your driving game. How can you maintain that focus on the other challenge you face as a tanker driver? Constant situational awareness means that you can *never* let your guard down.



Here are some other Tank Truck Rollover findings from the study:



Over **1,300** cargo tank rollovers are reported each year



31% of *all* fatal commercial truck rollovers involve cargo tanks



93% of cargo tank rollovers occur on dry road surfaces



Over **50%** of cargo tank rollovers involve leaving the road



28% of cargo tank accidents involve driving *too fast* for conditions



44% of cargo tank rollovers occur on curves (including ramps);
56% on *straight roads*



25% of cargo tank rollovers involve straight trucks



66% of cargo tank rollovers involve drivers with more than ten years driving experience



78% of cargo tank rollovers involve some kind of driver error

The U.S Department of Transportation is working with its partners in industry, including carriers and vehicle manufacturers to significantly reduce rollover accidents. We will look at vehicle design and equipment, road services, and training – but *you*, the cargo tank *driver*, are the key to success:

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE A SAFE INDUSTRY EVEN SAFER—
END CARGO TANK ROLLOVERS ONE TRIP AT A TIME!**

