

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) CMV Safety Belt Survey Questionnaire

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Introduction (Est. 30 sec. – 1 min.):

Consent: Thank you for your interest in participating in this Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) survey. As part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), FMCSA's broader goal is to make America's roadways safer for everyone. This survey aims to gain insights into public perception and viewpoints related to drivers' safety. Your participation is voluntary, and you may choose to stop at any time. Your answers will be kept confidential and be used only for research purposes. None of your responses to the survey questions will be attributed to you in any way. You will not be contacted after the survey regarding any of your responses.

Please provide truthful responses to each survey question

Do you agree to continue?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Yes	1
No	2

Programming Instructions: ONLY PROCEEDS IF ANSWER IS: 1. IF ANSWER IS 2, THE SURVEY IS TERMINATED.

Screening Questions (Est. 45 sec. – 1 min.):

Q1. How old are you? Please indicate your age in the age ranges below.

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Below 18 years old	1
18-24	2
25-34	3
35-44	4

45-54	5
55-64	6
65-74	7
75+	8
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: ONLY PROCEEDS IF ANSWER IS: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8. IF ANSWER IS 1, 98, 99 THE SURVEY IS TERMINATED.

Q2. Which one of the following best describes your current primary employment?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Private Sector Employee	
For-profit (<i>company or organization</i>)	1
Non-profit (<i>organizations including tax-exempt and charitable organizations</i>)	2
Government Employee	
Local government (<i>for example: city or county school district</i>)	3
State government (<i>including state colleges/universities</i>)	4
Active duty (<i>U.S. Armed Forces or Commissioned Corps</i>)	5
Federal government (<i>civilian employee</i>)	6
Self-Employed / Other	
Owner of non-incorporated (<i>business, professional practice, or farm</i>)	7
Owner of incorporated (<i>business, professional practice, or farm</i>)	8
Worked without pay in a for-profit family business or farm for 15 hours or more per week	9
Currently unemployed	10
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: ONLY PROCEEDS IF ANSWER IS: 1,7,8. IF ANSWER IS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 98, 99, THE SURVEY IS TERMINATED.

Q3. Do you currently operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) as part of your primary employment?

A commercial motor vehicle is defined as any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle— (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater; or (2) Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or (3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or (4) Is used in transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring placarding under regulations prescribed by the Secretary under 49 CFR, subtitle B, chapter I, subchapter C

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: ONLY PROCEEDS IF ANSWER IS: 1. IF ANSWER IS 2, 98, 99 THE SURVEY IS TERMINATED.

Demographics (Est. 1.5 min. - 2 min.):

Q4. What is your gender?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Male	1
Female	2
Transgender	3
Prefer not to answer	99

Q5. What State do you currently reside in?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Alabama	1
Alaska	2
Arizona	3
Arkansas	4
California	5
Colorado	6
Connecticut	7
Delaware	8
District of Columbia	9
Florida	10
Georgia	11
Hawaii	12
Idaho	13
Illinois	14
Indiana	15
Iowa	16
Kansas	17
Kentucky	18
Louisiana	19
Maine	20
Maryland	21
Massachusetts	22
Michigan	23
Minnesota	24
Mississippi	25
Missouri	26
Montana	27
Nebraska	28
Nevada	29
New Hampshire	30
New Jersey	31
New Mexico	32
New York	33
North Carolina	34
North Dakota	35
Ohio	36
Oklahoma	37
Oregon	38

Pennsylvania	39
Rhode Island	40
South Carolina	41
South Dakota	42
Tennessee	43
Texas	44
Utah	45
Vermont	46
Virginia	47
Washington	48
West Virginia	49
Wisconsin	50
Wyoming	51
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q6. Which of the following best describes the highest level of education that you have completed?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Some high school, but did not receive a diploma	1
Regular high school diploma	2
GED or alternative credential	3
Some college credit, but less than one year of college credit	4
One or more years of college credit, no degree	5
Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)	6
Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)	7
Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)	8
Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)	9
Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)	10
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q7. What is your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

Justification for revised SPD 15: The minimum categories for race and/or ethnicity have been used to align with the revised SPD 15 standards. This form of question will ease the burden on respondents, given the modality is an online survey with self-reported responses. The potential

benefit of detailed data related to race and/ or ethnicity would not justify the additional burden to the public in relation to the length of the survey and comprehension of the question through a self-administered survey, and thus, the minimum categories have been used.

	ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian	2
Black or African American	3
Hispanic or Latino	4
Middle Eastern or North African	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	6
White	7
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: ANCHOR DON'T KNOW & PREFER NOT TO ANSWER AT END

Q8. How long have you been operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)? Please indicate the number of years of driving experience using the ranges below.

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Less than one year	1
Between 1 to 3 years	2
Between 3 to 5 years	3
Between 5 to 8 years	4
Between 8 to 11 years	5
Between 11 to 14 years	6
Between 15 to 18 years	7
Between 18 to 20 years	8
20 years or more	9
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

CMV Driver Classifications (Est. 45 sec. - 1.25 min.)

Q9: Which of the following best describes how you operate your commercial motor vehicle?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Long Haul (Do not return to terminal daily)	1
Short Haul (Return to terminal daily)	2
Combination	3
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q10. What classification below best describes the commercial motor vehicle you use for your primary employment?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Class A CDL	1
Class B CDL	2
Class C CDL	3
Other	4
Do not have a CDL	5
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: IF ANSWER = 1, move to Q11; IF ANSWER = 2, move to Q12; IF ANSWER = 3, move to Q13; IF ANSWER = 4, 5, move to Q15

Q11. What type of commercial motor vehicle do you most often operate for your primary employment?

CLASS A	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Tractor-trailer	1
Tanker vehicle	2
Box trailer	3
Livestock carrier	4
Flatbed vehicle	5
Tractor-trailer bus	6
Tractor-trailer doubles/triples	7
Other (please specify) _____	97
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q12. What type of commercial motor vehicle do you most often operate for your primary employment?

CLASS B	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Tank truck	1
Public transportation bus	2
Segmented bus	3
Box truck	4
School bus	5
Dump truck	6
Towing truck	7
Flatbed truck	8
Other (please specify) _____	97
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q13. What type of commercial motor vehicle do you most often operate for your primary employment?

CLASS C	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Passenger van	1
Combination vehicle	2
Box truck	3
Utility truck/van	4
Cement mixer	5
Other (please specify) _____	97
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q14. Do you currently have any of the following endorsements for your commercial driver's license (CDL)? Please select all that apply to your CDL.

	ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES
H endorsement	1
N endorsement	2
P endorsement	3
S endorsement	4
T endorsement	5
X endorsement	6

None of the above	96
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Safety Belt Usage & Perceptions (Est. 3.5 min. - 4.5 min.)

Q15. How often do you wear a safety belt during the different phases of operating a commercial motor vehicle? For the options below, please indicate if you always wear a safety belt, frequently wear a safety belt, occasionally wear a safety belt, rarely wear a safety belt, or never wear a safety belt.

	Always	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	Don't Know	Refused to answer
Q15a. As you enter the cabin and sit in the driver's seat before starting the vehicle	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Q15b. After starting the vehicle and preparing to drive	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Q15c. Driving the vehicle on public roads	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Q15d. Driving the vehicle on highways	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Q15e. Pulling up to a fueling station	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Q15f. Parking the vehicle	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Q15g. Reversing the vehicle to a loading dock/bay	1	2	3	4	5	98	99

Programming Instructions: IF ANSWER AT Q15a-g = ANY VALUE OTHER THAN 1, PROCEED TO Q16 BEFORE LOOPING BACK TO NEXT RESPONSE OPTION IN Q15a-g.

Q16. What is the main reason you do not always wear a safety belt [ITEM Q15a-g]?

[RANDOMIZE LIST]	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
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Lack of comfort	1
Restriction of movement	2
Practical constraints (cargo handling, frequent vehicle entry/exit)	3
Issues with vehicle design	4
Negative past experiences with safety belts	5
Ineffectiveness of a functioning safety belt system in the vehicle	6
Opposition to wearing a safety belt	7
Other (please specify) _____	97
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: ANCHOR OTHER, DON'T KNOW & PREFER NOT TO ANSWER AT END OF RANDOMIZATION

Q17. Does the commercial motor vehicle you primarily operate have a seat belt reminder system, and if so, how effective do you find it in encouraging safety belt usage?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Yes, very effective in encouraging safety belt usage	1
Yes, somewhat effective in encouraging safety belt usage	2
Yes, but the system is neither effective nor ineffective in encouraging safety belt usage	3
Yes, ineffective in encouraging safety belt usage	4
Yes, very ineffective in encouraging safety belt usage	5
No, the vehicle does not have a seat belt reminder system	6
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q18. How effective do you think safety belts are at preventing injuries during crashes while driving?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Very effective	1
Somewhat effective	2
Neither effective nor ineffective	3

Ineffective	4
Very ineffective	5
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q19. Have you ever been involved in a crash while operating your commercial motor vehicle?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: IF Q19 = 1, PROCEED TO Q20. ALL OTHER RESPONSE SKIP TO Q21.

Q20. Were you wearing your safety belt at the time of the crash?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q21. How often do you encounter safety belt enforcement checks while driving a commercial motor vehicle, and do you feel these checks impact your compliance with wearing a safety belt?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Frequently and positively	1
Frequently but with no impact	2
Occasionally and positively	3
Occasionally, but with no impact	4

Rarely encountered	5
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Road Safety Perceptions (Est. 1 min. - 1.5 min.)

Q22. How would you rate yourself as a commercial motor vehicle driver?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Very safe	1
Somewhat safe	2
Neutral	3
Somewhat unsafe	4
Very unsafe	5
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q23. How do you think your safety belt usage compares to other commercial motor vehicle drivers you encounter on the road?

	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Much higher	1
Higher	2
About the same	3
Lower	4
Much lower	5
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q24. What are the primary safety challenges you encounter while driving a commercial motor vehicle?

[RANDOMIZE]	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Distracted driving by other motorists	1
Poor road conditions (<i>potholes, uneven surfaces, debris</i>)	2
Aggressive driving by other motorists	3

Poor weather conditions (<i>snow, rain, fog</i>)	4
Traffic congestion	5
Vehicle malfunction/mechanical issues	6
Inadequate signage or road markings	7
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: ANCHOR DON'T KNOW & PREFER NOT TO ANSWER AT END OF RANDOMIZATION

Q25. What is the primary reason that you wear a safety belt while operating a commercial motor vehicle?

[RANDOMIZE]	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Compliance with company policies	1
Personal habit	2
Increased personal safety	3
Compliance with laws	4
Influence of colleagues/peers	5
Due to professional training	6
Negative experience with crashes	7
Personal comfort	8
Due to the vehicle's seat belt reminder system	9
I do not wear a safety belt	10
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Q26. What would encourage you to wear a safety belt while driving your commercial motor vehicle? Please select the most applicable option.

[RANDOMIZE]	ALLOW ONE RESPONSE
Financial incentive for consistent safety belt usage	1
Enhanced comfort features in safety belt design	2
Stricter enforcement of safety belt regulations	3

Increased awareness on the benefits of safety belt usage	4
Inclusion of safety belt reminders in the vehicle	5
Other (please specify) _____	97
Don't know	98
Prefer not to answer	99

Programming Instructions: Programming Instructions: ANCHOR OTHER, DON'T KNOW & PREFER NOT TO ANSWER AT END OF RANDOMIZATION. ONLY ASK IF Q25 = 10 OR Q20 = 2 OR Q16 = ANY RESPONSE.

Close-out Message (Est. 30 sec.):

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your insights are invaluable in enhancing our understanding of the industry's challenges and perceptions related to road safety. Your contribution will be crucial in shaping future initiatives to promote safer driving practices among commercial vehicle drivers. Thank you for your time and commitment to improving road safety for all. Safe travels!