

North East Region - Goods Vehicle Accidents 2005 - 2007.

Number of Goods Driver Casualties 2005 - 2007

	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total	% of NE Region driver casualty total
Goods 3.5 tonnes mgw and under	5	46	560	611	3.4
Goods over 3.5 tonnes and under 7.5 tonnes mgw	1	3	57	61	0.3
Goods 7.5 tonnes mgw and over	2	18	106	126	0.7
Total	8	67	723	798	4.5

Average number of driver casualties per Annum

	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
Goods 3.5 tonnes mgw and under	2	15	187	204
Goods over 3.5 tonnes and under 7.5 tonnes mgw	0	1	19	20
Goods 7.5 tonnes mgw and over	1	6	35	42

Percentage of KSI by Goods Vehicle Size

	% of KSI
Goods vehicle <= 3.5 tonnes mgw	9
Goods vehicle > 3.5 and < 7.5 tonnes mgw	7
Goods vehicle >= 7.5 tonnes mgw	16

Accidents involving Goods Vehicles over 7.5 tonnes are more likely to involve KSI injuries.

Contributory factors All Goods Vehicles

	%	
Failed to look properly	22.7	55.9% of accidents are attributed to driver error.
Failed to judge other persons path or speed	13.7	
Careless/Reckless/In a hurry	11.7	
Poor turn or manoeuvre	9.0	
Following too close	6.8	
Sudden braking	6.1	
Slippery road (due to weather)	5.8	
Travelling too fast for conditions	5.4	
Loss of control	4.4	
Pedestrian failed to look properly	3.4	
Exceeding speed limit	2.4	
Dazzling sun	2.4	
Impaired by alcohol	2.4	
Swerved	2.0	
Other	1.9	

Drink Drive in the NE Region, Goods Vehicles.

In the period 2005 - 2007 an average of 9.5 drivers per year, in Goods Vehicles under 3.5 tonnes, failed or refused breath tests. This figure is likely to be under reported as injured drivers are not always screened at the scene of the accident.

No driver in a HGV over 7.5 tonnes was recorded as a drink drive failure or refusal in Stats 19 data.

* Data has been grouped to show 3 year average, this smooths out annual variation in accident numbers.

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