



Customer Focus on Loss Control

Innovative Safety and Health SolutionsSM

An Overweight Logging Truck Is a Dangerous Truck

According to a study conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, there is a dramatic increase in the crash fatality rate with each and every extra ton loaded onto a truck.

A truck weighing 80,000 pounds is more than twice as likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a truck weighing 50,000 pounds.

Rollovers are more likely in an overweight or overloaded truck, since the center of gravity is usually higher.

Because of the additional weight, brake temperatures increase above normal on downhill runs, contributing to the possibility of total brake failure and a “runaway” rig.

The fact is, that after the driver steps on the brakes, a 100,000 pound truck travels 25% further than a 80,000 pound truck,!

And a 120,000 pound truck travels 50% further!

In addition to braking problems, steering sensitivity diminishes greatly on overweigh trucks, causing the driver to be more likely to lose control and possibly be involved in a fatal crash.

Think of the possible consequences, next time *before* you load on that extra log or two!

Is the extra revenue worth a life?

