NC Injury Law Addresses Rising Truck Accident Risks from Port of Wilmington Freight Traffic

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NC Injury Law has expanded its legal services to address the growing complexity of commercial truck accident cases in Wilmington and New Hanover County, where port-related freight traffic creates elevated crash risks on major corridors, including I-140, US-17, and NC-133.

The Port of Wilmington stands as one of the East Coast's busiest cargo ports, generating constant streams of heavy commercial truck traffic through surrounding communities. This volume of tractor-trailers carrying oversized containers on tight delivery schedules has contributed to documented incidents throughout 2024, including a commercial truck overturn on I-140 near Military Cutoff Road on September 5 that shut down eastbound traffic and required New Hanover County Fire Rescue response.

North Carolina recorded more than 273,000 total traffic crashes in a recent reporting year, with commercial trucks involved in a disproportionate share of fatal collisions. While trucks account for roughly 5 percent of registered vehicles nationally, they are involved in approximately 10 percent of all highway fatalities,

according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations require commercial truck drivers to observe strict hours-of-service limits, including no more than 11 hours of driving after 10 consecutive hours off duty. However, FMCSA enforcement data consistently identifies hours-of-service violations as among the most common factors in serious truck crashes nationally.

"Port-related truck crashes in Wilmington involve unique evidence preservation challenges that require immediate legal action," said a spokesperson for NC Injury Law. "Electronic logging devices capture critical data about driving hours, speed, and braking patterns, but trucking companies are not required to preserve this information indefinitely. The window between a crash and first insurer contact represents the most legally critical period for victims, especially given North Carolina's contributory negligence standard that can eliminate an otherwise valid claim if the victim is found even one percent at fault."

Electronic logging devices, now mandatory in most commercial trucks under FMCSA regulations, capture driving hours, speed, braking patterns, and route data that can establish liability in truck crashes. However, ELD records can be overwritten within days of a crash without formal legal hold demands, making immediate legal representation important for evidence preservation.

NC Injury Wilmington truck accident lawyer services now include immediate evidence preservation demands, formal legal procedures to obtain ELD data and dashcam footage, and comprehensive liability analysis accounting for all potentially responsible parties under both state negligence law and federal FMCSA regulations.

The legal complexity of port-related crashes extends beyond evidence preservation. These incidents routinely involve multiple potentially liable parties, including the driver, trucking company, freight broker, cargo loader, and sometimes the port authority or shipper, each with separate insurance coverage and dedicated defense teams.

Wilmington's ongoing development boom has added construction dump trucks and contractor vehicles to corridors already carrying port freight, creating overlapping commercial vehicle density on roadways including I-40, US-74/76, and NC-132, where rollover, jackknife, and wide-turn crashes are most commonly documented.

NC Injury Law is a personal injury law firm serving Wilmington, New Hanover County, and communities throughout North Carolina. The firm represents victims of truck accidents, car accidents, motorcycle crashes,

rideshare collisions, and other serious injury matters on a contingency fee basis, with no upfront costs and case reviews available 24 hours a day in English and Spanish. The firm's Wilmington truck accident lawyer team works to counter trucking company investigation teams that often arrive at crash scenes before victims leave the hospital.

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