Drunk driving continues to be a national problem with nearly 10,000 people dying in alcohol-related crashes every year. With an 80,000 pound semi truck traveling at 65 mph, you are truly the king of the road. But when you combine the size of your truck, how fast you’re moving, and the effects of alcohol or other substances, the results can be deadly.

Alcohol and drugs slow reaction time and limit a person’s ability to concentrate and make decisions. Legal or not, alcohol and drugs affect motor skills, reflexes and judgment—all of which are vital to driving safely. So if you’re under the influence, you put yourself at high risk of hurting yourself, injuring someone else or even killing them.

DID YOU KNOW

- Every 53 minutes, someone dies from a drunk-driving crash.
- A driver of a commercial motor vehicle cannot operate the vehicle if they have any measurable amount of alcohol in their system.
- After consuming alcohol, drivers must wait 4 hours before going on duty.
- Prescription and over-the-counter drugs can impair your ability to drive safely.
- A driver may not operate a CMV if they’re on any type of illegal drug, amphetamine, narcotic or any other substance that impairs judgement while driving.