

# Road Safety Bulletin



## Transport Workers Agree they Break the Rules

[Safe Work Australia Research Brief: Transport Industry: Synthesis of research findings](#)

Safe Work Australia has reviewed a number of quantitative surveys conducted between 2000 and 2014. These surveys were conducted with employers and employees. The research findings are summarised below.

### Types of Work related injuries:

Most frequently reported illnesses and injuries included:

- Sprains and strains (42%)
- Chronic joint and muscle conditions (25.8%).

Comparable rates for other industries were 28% and 16% respectively.

### Risk Taking:

Transport employers differed to other industries in their acceptance of risk by reporting:

- Agreeing they break the rules to get work done on time (20%)
- Accept minor accidents as a normal part of work (20%)
- Risks are seen as unavoidable (15%) and
- The trucking work place does not suit those overly concerned about being injured (40%).

### Rule Breaking:

Transport employers agree that:

- Workers bend the rules to achieve a target (21%)
- Workers ignore safety rules to get the job done (31%).

Only about 5-6% of employers in other industries report that rule breaking was common in their industry.

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