

Facts from The National Highway Safety Association.

In the Year 2003

Some 57,000 crashes involving passenger vehicles towing trailers occur annually, according to five-year averages of accident analysis by the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. In 2003 alone, accidents with trailing vehicles resulted in 364 deaths, 14,484 injuries and 40,080 instances of property damage. Both the numbers of deaths and property damages increased in 2003 from the previous year.

In The Year 2004

More than 65,000 crashes involving passenger vehicles towing trailers occurred in 2004, jumping nearly 20 percent from the previous year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. In 2004 alone, accidents of vehicles with a trailing unit resulted in 422 deaths, 27,332 injuries and 46,737 instances of property damage.

An Increase of nearly 20 percent over the previous year. So what does our government do? They stopped keeping track. Not Us.

In just one year enough people are killed due to loose trailers that can fill up a 747 airplane.



The lives above have all perished due to loose trailers.
(Random Acts Of Negligence)

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What would you do if this happened to you?

If a loose Utility Trailer hit your vehicle?
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Ron J. Melancon
President

Successfully lobbied to pass house bill 429 in 2004 which requires at least 8 feet of reflector tape to be applied on the rear of these utility trailers.

Successfully defended an attempt by the manufacture's of these trailer companies to destroy HB 429 These companies have spent over \$10,000 to defeat our efforts since 2005

Successfully notified Maryland legislators of this issue after a loose utility trailer killed 3 and injured 5 on the Bay Bridge May 11, 2007, resulting in new legislation this year. (Senate Bill 174 and HB 1119). Successful in Lobbying new license plate for 9/11 (United we stand plate) and license plate for the D-Day organization 2008. www.dday.org

**Summary of findings by the
VCU's Crash Team.**
Dated 2006

Summary of an accident in Richmond
In summary, this crash was caused when a homemade trailer detached from the pick up that towed it. It struck a Cadillac traveling in the opposing lanes of traffic, fatally injuring the driver. Trailers are a special class of vehicle and all are subject to some requirements regarding lights and chains. While the Code exempts some smaller trailers, those designed to carry over 3000 pounds are required to have brakes and to be inspected beyond the initial visual confirmation of a vin Plate

However, Virginia State Code is silent as to any design or construction specifications for those vehicles or for towing chains and hitches for any trailer under 3,000. That is why they weigh about 5 pounds under this limit.

The same problem exists In almost every state!

Actual picture of the car involved in accident and trailer below. A State Farm loss over \$200,000



Juliette Blake
Vice-President



Councillor Juliette Blake
Member for Heage and Ambergate
Ward Amber Valley Borough
Council

(Also Leader of Ripley Town Council)
Leading effort in Great Britain (United Kingdom) addressing the same exact issue.

A little boy, Finlay Martin aged only 4 was killed in my village (Heage, Derbyshire) on July 19th 2007 by a runaway trailer which came away from the car pulling it.

Our cause is an international cause