

Trailer Accident Statistics

Following are the eye-opening statistics on the loss of life and property from accidents caused by trailers separating from passenger cars.

Even more shocking: Trailer accidents are virtually 100% preventable.

Over the last 20 years:

1. Over 400 people have died every year in accidents involving utility trailers towed by passenger vehicles.
2. Over 20,000 people have had to seek medical attention every year in accidents involving utility trailers towed by passenger vehicles.
3. It's cost our economy almost \$2 billion every year.

VIRGINIA

- ⌚ From 1975-2008 -- 121 lives lost
- ⌚ From 1988-2008 -- 3,694 people injured, 6,517 accidents involving property damage/destruction, estimated loss from property damage \$285.2 million

Economic Impact:

From fatalities = \$314.6 million

From injuries = \$18.5 million

From property damage/destruction = \$13 million

NATIONAL

- ⌚ More than 15,000 people killed from 1975-2008
- ⌚ Almost 470,000 people injured from 1988-2008
- ⌚ 814,000 accidents involving property damage from 1988-2008
- ⌚ \$35.6 billion estimated loss from property damage from 1988-2008

Source of accident statistics (FARS) (ARF) (GES) National Highway Safety Administration by way of Dangerous Trailers and Ron Melancon

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