



Security guidance for truck drivers and operators: *It's good for business*



What does it mean for you?

Terrorist groups continue to encourage the use of vehicles in attacks in Australia and around the world.

This guide provides practical security advice to the trucking industry to help you and your business prevent your vehicle being used in attacks.

Law enforcement agencies are working hard to prevent attacks. Securing vehicles and having a better understanding of security will make a valuable contribution to these efforts.

Why are terrorists using commercial vehicles in attacks?

Vehicle attacks don't need a lot of planning.

Attacks can be carried out with little or no warning and can have a devastating impact.

Trucks and other commercial vehicles are easy to access. Terrorist groups have encouraged the theft, purchase, rental or borrowing of vehicles for use in attacks.

Attacks are usually aimed at crowds, trying to kill as many people as possible.

Most attacks overseas have involved vehicles driving into crowds, but terrorists are adapting and may do things differently next time. This potentially includes vehicle borne improvised explosive devices.

Every detail helps

Suspicious behaviour should be reported as soon as possible, every piece of information helps.

- If you notice something that doesn't add up call the National Security Hotline on **1800 123 400**.
- To report a crime, or for general advice about local security and safety issues in your community, call your local police on **131 444** or Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.
- For police, fire or ambulance response to a life threatening emergency or if a crime is in progress, call **000**.



What can I do?

Security can be simple:

- Lock vehicles at all times and keep your keys safe.
- Know where your vehicle is and who has access.
- Know your load.
 - Is it secure?
 - Is it something of value to terrorists?
 - Check it regularly, especially when you have been away from your vehicle.
- Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- Have a security plan, so you know what to do if something happens.

Check in, if you don't already as part of your fatigue management plan, then consider using a reporting system during or on completion of a job to confirm the safety of the driver and the location of the vehicle.

What should I look for?

Keeping your trucks safe is good for everybody:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Talk to your mates and make security a normal part of the conversation. Add security to your toolbox talks.
- If you are hiring drivers, always do a check for the right licence and other genuine documents.
- Do a practical test to make sure new drivers know how to operate the vehicle and keep it secure.

France, Nice, 14 July 2016 – a terrorist rented a 19 tonne Renault Medium 270 cargo truck on 11 July 2016. On 14 July 2016 the attacker drove at speeds of 90 km/h through a police barrier and down a closed road and footpath into the crowd during Bastille Day celebrations. The attack resulted in 86 fatalities, and was only stopped after the attacker was killed by police. The terrorist responsible conducted planning and reconnaissance before the attack.

Germany, Berlin, 19 December 2016 – a commercially owned Scania R 450 semi-trailer was hijacked, the driver was killed. The attacker drove into the crowd at the Christmas Markets resulting in 12 fatalities and 56 people injured. The vehicle was brought to a stop by its collision avoidance system after travelling approximately 50 metres.

How can I help?

- Report any unusual behaviour as soon as possible, this can include:
 - **People**
 - Taking photos of infrastructure.
 - Loitering near depots.
 - Driving erratically.
 - **Vehicles**
 - Parking close to somewhere that could be a target.
 - Returning for no reason, especially somewhere that will attract crowds.