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The billion-dollar threat hiding in your drivers' phones

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Why It Matters

Commercial drivers watching videos while driving aren't just risking lives, they are creating nuclear verdicts that can destroy companies and land drivers in prison for decades.

The Reality

Truckers watching a social video while driving is a problem. A big one. I hear from multiple sources that the number of cases in which video while driving is a key part of the case. A very bad part.

And it's not just watching while driving. The fact that a driver is using a video platform exposes them, and you, to accusations that they *were* watching, leaving it for the jury to decide. And, when there is an accident, what do you think they'll believe?

How Will Anyone Know?

Technology will expose them. Digital forensics can prove exactly what apps were active during crashes, turning any video engagement into smoking-gun evidence.

By the Numbers

Social video consumption is exploding:

- YouTube: 122 million daily users, 63% on mobile
- TikTok: 170 million U.S. users spending 54 minutes/day
- Distracted driving: 3,000+ deaths, 400,000+ injuries in 2024

The nuclear verdict reality:

- \$1 billion Florida verdict partly blamed on driver distraction
- 22.5-year prison sentence in Arizona fatal crash
- Kentucky driver charged with murder for YouTube viewing

The Bottom Line

Your drivers face personal financial ruin. Punitive damages typically aren't covered by insurance, meaning drivers pay out of pocket for million-dollar judgments. And the nuclear shock waves will rock your company as well.

What's Next

Act immediately: Companies waiting until after an accident face catastrophic liability. The combination of an

80,000-pound vehicle and video distraction creates the perfect storm for maximum jury outrage.

Tell your drivers: This isn't just about company policy, it's about their personal freedom and financial survival.

Consider alternatives: Consider providing subscriptions to audio-only platforms to fill the vacuum during those 11 hours. The investment would be well worth it.

The social media epidemic has reached your fleet. Address it now or face the nuclear verdict later.

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