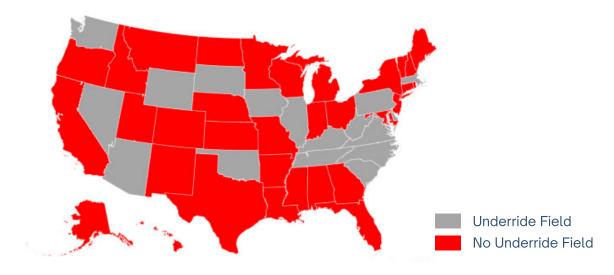


UNDERRIDE CRASHES

The Institute for Safer Trucking defines underride collisions as a crash in which a vehicle or a vulnerable road user (such as a pedestrian, bicyclist, person on a personal conveyance, or motorcyclist) travels underneath a truck and/or trailer.

ONLY 17 STATES HAVE UNDERRIDE FIELD ON THEIR POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT

Below is a breakdown of states that include a specific field for "underride" on their police accident report (PAR). In order to accurately capture the number of underride collisions all states should have a specific field for underride on their PAR as well as education for law enforcement about reporting truck underride crashes.



UNDERRIDE UNDERCOUNT

NO BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN DEATHS WERE CODED AS UNDERRIDE

While a 2018 report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) determined that federal crash data undercounted underride crashes involving passenger vehicles, it did not analyze fatal truck crashes involving vulnerable road users (cyclists and pedestrians). None of the pedestrian or bicyclists deaths in truck crashes in 2019 were categorized as "underride."

CALL TO ACTION

- 1) The Department of Transportation should adopt the IST definition of "underride" and review data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) to accurately reflect the number of vulnerable road users who were killed in truck underride crashes.
- 2) All states should include a specific field for underride on their police-accident report.