



SAFETY MONDAY

May 21, 2012

RUNAWAY TRUCKS

A couple of garbage trucks crashed into homes earlier this month. In both incidents, the driver claimed the brakes failed, although the companies and the insurance companies are investigating.

In the first incident, which occurred in Tennessee, the homeowners were away on vacation in Florida when the truck crashed into their home. The damage to the house was extensive. (<http://www.newschannel5.com/story/18151136/bellevue-homeowner-surveys-damage-from-garbage-truck-accident>) The driver of the truck, who jumped out of the truck before it hit the house, was injured and hospitalized overnight.

In the second incident, which occurred in Virginia, the owners were in their homes when the crash took place, but they were not injured. The driver suffered minor injuries and was charged with reckless driving. (<http://www2.godanriver.com/news/2012/may/02/9/truck-crashes-smith-mountain-lake-condos-ar-1885695/>)

All drivers are reminded to perform a thorough pre-trip inspection on their vehicles, including the brakes, to reduce the possibility of this occurring again.



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