SAFETYNET: How to Code Records When Driver Data are Legitimately Missing

Crash Record Completeness

Completeness improves data quality and the accuracy of reports. However, sometimes information is legitimately missing.

The Crash Record Completeness measure excludes records with legitimately missing information from counting against the performance *if you code the record using designated keywords.* Apply these instructions after researching and confirming that the driver data cannot be found or are not applicable. **This is optional.** Your State's Crash Record Completeness measure rating will not decline if you do not take these steps.

Using Keywords to Code Legitimately Empty Driver Fields

To exclude the record from your Crash Record Completeness measure, enter any of the following keywords in the **Driver Last Name** field of a crash record:

- Attenuator
- Autonomous
- Hit and run[1]
- Driverless[2]
- Parked
- Stolen
- Unknown[2]

[1] "Hit and run" also excludes the record from vehicle fields completeness evaluation.

[2] You may use "driverless" or "unknown" in lieu of the more specific keywords, but this is only permitted if there is adequate justification for not having driver and/or vehicle data (i.e., if it was a runaway vehicle with no driver, or if it doesn't fit into one of the other situations described by the keywords).

Example 1

A runaway truck with no driver rolls down a slope into a collision. Enter "driverless" or "unknown" as the keyword.

Driver Identification

Last Name	DRIVERLESS
Middle Initial	
License?	⦿ Yes ○ No
License Number	

First Name	
Date of Birth	
License Class	
License State	

Example 2

A parked commercial vehicle was struck by another motor vehicle. Enter "parked" or "unknown" as the keyword for the parked vehicle.

Driver Identification

Last Name	UNKNOWN	First Name	
Middle Initial		Date of Birth	
License?	◉ Yes ○ No	License Class	
License Number		License State	

Example 3

A passenger vehicle was struck by an unidentified motor carrier that fled the scene, and investigators were not able to record driver information. Enter "hit and run" as the keyword.

Driver Identification

Last Name	HIT AND RUN	First Name	
Middle Initial		Date of Birth	
License?	◉ Yes ○ No	License Class	
License Number		License State	

Example 4

A stolen vehicle collides with the rear of a CMV stopped at a traffic light. Enter "stolen" as the keyword.

Driver Identification

Last Name	STOLEN	First Name	
Middle Initial		Date of Birth	
License?	◉ Yes ○ No	License Class	
License Number		License State	

Example 5

An autonomous vehicle side swipes a parked commercial vehicle. Enter "autonomous" as the keyword.

Driver Identification

Last Name	AUTONOMOUS	First Name	
Middle Initial		Date of Birth	
License?	◉ Yes ○ No	License Class	
License Number		License State	

Example 6

A motorist collided with an attenuator truck while it was deployed at a construction zone. Enter "attenuator" as the keyword. Also, set the Carrier Type to "Other Operation / not specified" and enter "unknown" in all other carrier fields.

Driver Identification

Last Name	ATTENUATOR	First Name	
Middle Initial		Date of Birth	
License?	⦿ Yes ⃝ No	License Class	
License Number		License State	

Carrier Identification

Carrier Type	Other Operation / not specified				
USDOT Number		State Census Number	UNKNOWN	Issuing State	
MC/MX Number			Search...	Copy Search Data	
Responsible Party	UNKNOWN				
Street Address	UNKNOWN				
Colonia	UNKNOWN				
City Name	UNKNOWN				
State		Zip Code	UNKNOWN		

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