

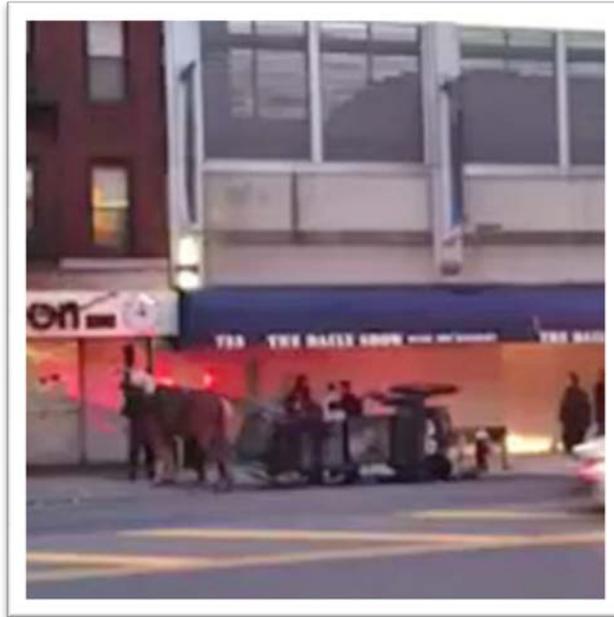


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global support for a ban on horse-drawn carriages

Empty carriage overturns in New York

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Video has emerged of an empty New York carriage that overturned in midtown Manhattan. The incident happened early on Saturday evening in what a witness described as heavy traffic at about 6pm on 11th Avenue, south of 52nd Street.

The witness, who took the video and supplied it to the [Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages](#), said she had just crossed 11th Avenue when she heard a loud crash.

She turned to look and saw the horse tearing down the street, the overturned carriage in tow.

According to the coalition, the horse fell to the ground outside the studio where Jon Stewart tapes The Daily Show.

Afterwards, the horse was unhooked from the carriage by the driver and walked down 11th Avenue, presumably to his stable.

Coalition president Elizabeth Forel repeated her call for action to end the industry.

"Horses do not belong on the congested streets of New York City being barraged with such a variety of stimuli," she said.

"As prey animals who weigh between 1500 and 2000 pounds, and who will bolt and spook at the slightest provocation, these sensitive, nervous animals become unwitting weapons and could kill or injure themselves or passersby."

"We have repeatedly asked Mayor Bloomberg and Speaker Quinn to take this safety issue seriously and ban horse-drawn carriages. We hope it will not take a person dying for the administration to finally address these important concerns."

Forel said every poll done in the last six years had shown at least 75 per cent of respondents wanted to see an end to horse-drawn carriages in the city.

A recent online poll through CBS showed an even higher percentage in favor of a ban - almost 90%, she noted.

The coalition was founded in 2006 in response to a deadly accident in midtown involving Spotty, a five-year-old horse, who was returning to his stable and was involved in an accident.

To view video, [click here](#).