

# SAFETY ALERT



## In-field Road Hazards

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### Background

A light vehicle was travelling to a harvesting worksite early in the morning. There was a fallen tree across the access road. Due to the dark mornings at this time of year, the tree was difficult to see. The light vehicle struck the tree. Luckily there were no injuries sustained and minor damage done to the vehicle. The vigilance and quick response of the driver likely prevented a more severe outcome. This incident serves as a timely reminder to drive safely at all times, but particularly in these darker winter months.

### Control Measures

This incident shows that in-field roads can be hazardous. These simple tips can help prevent an incident:

- Always drive with dipped headlights on.
- Anticipate hazards and constantly assess your surroundings.
- Drive to the conditions, such as darkness, rain and dust.
- Use the UHF radio to call out at appropriate points when entering/exiting the worksite.
- Report all road hazards.