

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Defensive Driving

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Background

On 23 August, a member of the public turning off Moore Road onto the Bunbury Outer Ring Road crossed in front of a fully loaded log truck as it was preparing to cross the intersection. The drivers quick thinking and defensive driving averted a serious accident by applying their brakes and narrowly avoiding a collision. The truck was travelling at low speed but, highlights the risk posed by other road users and the importance of defensive driving.

Key points

- Always be attentive and drive defensively, be ready for the unexpected.
- Adjust your driving for the road and weather conditions.
- Accelerate and brake slowly and reduce your speed when approaching intersections, curves and hills.
- Monitor for signs of fatigue. If you are tired or unwell, it is time for a break.
- Turn on your lights so other vehicles can see you.
- Report all Near Miss incidents.
- Ensure dashcams are operational, footage provides evidence that can protect drivers in the event of an accident.