

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



REAR TRAILER ROLLOVER

Number: 128

Date:

Background

On 19 February, an FPC contractor truck hauling pine on the Boyup Brook – Kojonup Road suffered a rear trailer rollover. No other vehicles were involved, and no injuries were sustained by the driver.

Key Points

- This was the drivers first trip hauling forest products. Driver inexperience was a key contributing factor.
- Road shoulders in poor condition with damage to edges, road condition considered a contributing factor.
- GPS recorded the truck travelling 88km/hr around the bend. Whilst compliant with the legal speed limit, this speed was likely too fast for the road conditions.
- Main Roads have been contacted regarding installation of advisory speed signs on approach to the bend.
- The truck and trailer were not fitted with Electronic Stability Control (ESC). An ESC system is effective in situations where there is a loss of directional control and can reduce the potential for rollover crashes.
- The GPS location of the incident is -33.8852096, 116.4409114. It is recommended that where possible, an alert is set up to notify drivers of this hazardous section of road.

This incident is a reminder to always drive to the road conditions.