

# CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



## HIGH POTENTIAL HAULAGE FATIGUE INCIDENT

**Number: 133**

**Date: 27/3/24**

### Background

On March 11, five verified fatigue events were recorded over a five-hour period by the Guardian in cab fatigue monitoring system, with notifications sent to management. The driver was given the remainder of the week to recuperate.

On 18 March, the day the truck driver returned to work, four verified fatigue events were recorded within a two-hour period by the Guardian in cab fatigue monitoring system, with notifications sent to management. The driver was then stood down from driving.

### Key Points

- The driver was contacted after each event and on each occasion the driver adamant, he was not fatigued.
- The driver declared on time sheet that they were “fit for work”.
- The driver was instructed to park the vehicle roadside (in a safe position) and travel no further.
- The driver was collected by another company member and returned to the depot via light vehicle.
- The driver undertook D&A testing post event (returned negative results on each occasion).
- The driver was driven home from the company depot by another COMPANY member.
- The loaded vehicle was collected and returned to company depot by another driver.
- company instructed driver to seek medical consultation to review his medical clearance to drive a commercial vehicle.
- Driver was diagnosed with sleep apnoea and his medical clearance to drive a commercial vehicle was revoked.
- Contractors must have documented procedures for managing fatigue events.