

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Driving to road conditions

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Background

On 13th of June at approximately 2.30am, an FPC contractor employee's vehicle struck a standing tree when they swerved their vehicle to avoid a large tree that had fallen across the highway.

Fortunately, the driver was driving to the road conditions and was travelling at a reduced speed providing sufficient time for the driver to take evasive action by way of heading towards the crown of the tree. Unfortunately, once the vehicle hit the road shoulder there was a substantial drop off and the vehicle collided with a standing tree.

Key Points

- Driver was uninjured
- Vehicle sustained extensive damage and was towed.
- Low visibility (dark, raining) and wet and slippery road surface created hazardous road conditions.
- Due to the quick actions of the driver, they were able to warn another road user of the fallen tree on their approach.
- This incident is a reminder that we must always drive to the road conditions, in this case reduced speed due to low visibility and poor weather.