

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Driving to Conditions

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Background

31 May at 6:20am, the rear trailer of an FPC contractor log truck loaded with pine sawlogs tipped over. Heavy smoke and fog limited the driver's visibility causing the driver to misjudge their position on the road, resulting in the truck running off the left side of the road. The driver immediately stopped the truck and reversed back onto the road. As the driver made a second attempt, the rear trailer hit a deep gutter causing the trailer to become unstable and tip over. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

Key Points

- Always drive to the conditions, if there is reduced visibility do not continue until it is safe to do so.
- Always stop work when it is unsafe.
- Report all hazards – this enable actions to be taken before an incident occurs.