

# CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



## Title: Defensive Driving

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### Background:

On 2 June, a fully loaded FPC contractor log truck travelling along a public road at approximately 82km/hr has taken evasive action to avoid a collision when a light vehicle has pulled out in front of them. The experienced truck driver swerved onto the other side of the road, safely passing the light vehicle. Fortunately, there were no other vehicles travelling in the opposite direction at the time of the incident. The truck drivers quick thinking and defensive driving averted a serious accident.

### 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.