

SAFETY ALERT



Three truck incidents in 48 hours

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Background

There have been three serious truck related incidents in a 48-hour period:

1. 04/01/2021 at 10:00am a member of the public was injured after a collision with an FPC contractor truck on the South Western Hwy. The member of the public was overtaking the truck and cut back in too early. The vehicle clipped the front of the truck, lost control and crashed into roadside bush.
2. 04/01/2021 at 1:47pm an FPC contractor rolled the rear trailer of a log truck. The truck was travelling on the Old Yanchep Rd around a bend when the rear trailer hit the soft shoulder, began to sway and rolled. No injuries.
3. 05/01/2021 at approximately 3:00pm the rear trailer of an FPC contractor truck on the Boyup Brook-Kojonup Road slipped off the bitumen, struck a tree and spilled the load. No injuries.

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Further information

All three incidents are still under investigation, with accurate root causes to be identified. However, there is a correlation between these occurring and the return to work period following the Christmas/New Year break.

Statistics show that there is a higher rate of workplace injuries and incidents at this time of year, reasons include:

- **Worker deficit**, gradual return of staff to work, impacting workloads and supervision.
- **Reduced focus**, staff may be rested, but their work routine has been disrupted by the break.
- **Increased demands** outside work, with school holidays and family commitments.

As we return to work, we can be complacent, distracted and out of routine. We work in a heavy industry where any lapse in judgement has the potential to be fatal. Take the time to refocus, think about your task and the associated risks. Scheduling toolbox and crew meetings to start the year can heighten awareness and prevent workplace injuries.