



SAFETY ALERT

Defensive driving and awareness

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Background

There has recently been a truck rollover incident that has highlighted the importance of defensive driving and awareness.

Driving and haulage is one of the most dangerous aspects of our industry. Everyone has a responsibility to themselves, their colleagues and the public to drive safely. Unfortunately, we can't control how other road users drive, but there are some measures we can take to minimise the risk of an incident:

- Look ahead and anticipate hazards, including dangerous driving by other road users.
- Adjust your driving appropriately to the weather/road conditions.
- Drive to your own conditions. If you are tired or unwell, it is time for a break.
- Adjust your speed when entering a bend to prepare for what is around the corner.
- Controlling your speed to the legal and recommended speed limits.

Further information

For more information, please visit the Road Safety Commission.

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