

BEWARE SOFT VERGES

Details of Incident

A contract rigid tipper transporting material to one of our sites left the road, becoming stuck in a soft verge. No other parties were involved, there were no injuries or damage to other property. This is the second time it has happened on the same section of road in two years.

Key Findings

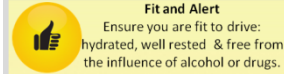
- The incident took place during the driver's first week of employment. The driver has 7 years class 2 experience. He was fully inducted and his driving had been assessed by a contract manager.
- The vehicle was travelling at approximately 10 mph below the speed limit.
- This was the drivers second load of the day. He had in excess of 11 hours rest before the shift.
- The driver passed an alcohol test immediately after the incident.
- The driver was wearing his seatbelt.
- The driver pulled to the left to pre-emptively make room for a lorry passing the other way. He did not need to do this.
- The route is specified by Warwickshire County Council.

How Could This Incident Have Been Avoided?

- This is the second incident of this type in 2 years, with the road notorious for this kind of incident. Contact with the local council to address the issue and improve the conditions has been made.

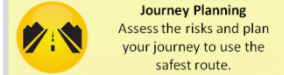
Key Review Points

- Are people who assess others driving sufficiently trained and competent to do so?
- Are drivers made aware of known hazards on routes?
- Are the routes used appropriate for the vehicles and volume of traffic?
- Do drivers receive specific training required, e.g. road positioning?



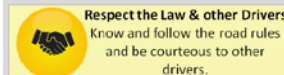
Fit and Alert

Ensure you are fit to drive: hydrated, well rested & free from the influence of alcohol or drugs.



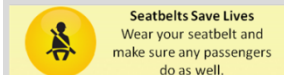
Journey Planning

Assess the risks and plan your journey to use the safest route.



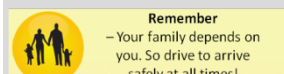
Respect the Law & other Drivers

Know and follow the road rules and be courteous to other drivers.



Seatbelts Save Lives

Wear your seatbelt and make sure any passengers do as well.



Remember

—Your family depends on you. So drive to arrive safely at all times!