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

ILL HEALTH RESULTS IN ROAD TRAFFIC INCIDENT

Details of Incident

An aggregate contract haulier, driving a fully loaded articulated tipper, was travelling northbound on a busy 'A' road when his vehicle veered off the road, across the southbound carriageway and struck a tree before coming to a rest in a ditch in an adjacent field.

The Driver reported that he started to feel ill at the wheel and the next thing he remembers, he was being assisted by a member of the public after the incident. It is believed the driver lost consciousness.

Fortunately, no other vehicles were involved in the incident and the Driver was not injured. He was taken to hospital for a CT scan and kept in overnight for monitoring. The Driver was released from hospital the next day after undergoing tests, which revealed he had suffered a mild heart attack, causing him to pass out.

Key Review Points

- Do we ensure all Drivers and any passengers wear their seat belts?
- Are vehicle cabs kept clear of loose tools and other objects to minimise the potential for injuries in the event of an incident?
- Is there a policy in place for drivers to report if they are feeling unwell?
- Do drivers have regular medicals and health surveillance?



Final resting place of vehicle



View from opposite direction

Key Findings

- The driver had passed his LGV medical a few weeks before the incident.
- He was wearing a seat belt which prevented serious injury.
- His phone was seized by the police; records show that he was not using the phone at the time of the incident
- Telematic information confirmed the vehicle was travelling within the speed limit for the road.
- The Driver's drugs and alcohol tests were clear.
- His licence has been suspended pending further medical tests.

How Could this Incident Have Been Avoided?

- On feeling unwell, the driver should have pulled over and notified his line manager