

GLOBAL SAFETY ALERT

YOUNG MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC FATALY INJURED

INCIDENT DETAILS

A 6 year old boy sustained fatal injuries when a contractor could not stop his truck in time as the young boy ran out from behind a parked bus, to cross the road.



KEY FINDINGS

- The investigation team identified that the driver did not anticipate the potential risk of pedestrians crossing the road when he saw the public transport bus stopped on the other side of the road.
- The truck speed was evaluated to be 64 km/h, which was considerably above the road speed limit of 30 km/h. An independent road traffic specialist determined that the driver may have been able to stop in time if he had been travelling at 30 km/h or less.
- The public transport bus made a stop to pickup/drop off people in an unauthorised place and the boy crossed without any adult supervision.
- The road had sand on it due to a near by aggregates operation and the road was wet as a result of rain.

MANAGERS - KEY POINTS TO CHECK

- All drivers have received training in how to protect Vulnerable Road Users (cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians) as part of their Defensive Driving training.
- The training programme follows CEMEX requirements, which includes the approach to take near buses.
- There is an ongoing programme to fulfill all elements of the CEMEX Vulnerable Road Users model - **Education** for drivers, **Collaboration** with industry experts and other organisations, **Community** activities with local authorities, focus groups, Police etc, **Raising Awareness** with public and the correct **Vehicle Specification** for safety features

ALL PERSONNEL – ACTION TO TAKE

- Always drive at a speed accordingly to the road conditions and never exceed the maximum road speed limit.
- When near buses and there is a risk of pedestrians, especially children, stepping unexpectedly into the road, **always drive with the safety of the pedestrians in mind** at a speed suitable for the conditions and never above 7 km/h. Remain vigilant and always be prepared to stop in case someone steps into the road.
- Always be extra vigilant for pedestrians (**especially the elderly and the young**), cyclists and other Vulnerable Road Users, especially on congested roads, near schools, bus stops and crossing points. **Be prepared for people to act in an unexpected way!**



Watch Your Speed



Other Road Users



Remember



Respect the Law and other Drivers