

GLOBAL SAFETY ALERT

CONTRACTOR FATALLY INJURED IN ROLLOVER INCIDENT

INCIDENT DETAILS

A contractor was travelling on a downhill section of road with his flatbed truck loaded with cement bags. After approx. 350 meters of the downhill stretch, he was confronted with a sharp curve in the road and as he tried to maneuver around it, his vehicle rolled over and landed on the driver's side of the cab.



KEY FINDINGS

- The truck was traveling too fast when taking into consideration the sharpness of the curve and how the stability of the truck could be affected while loaded.
- Our contractor had 20 years experience as a driver and before joining our company 3 years ago, he had travelled that route with different types of vehicles during other employment positions (public service vehicles and wood transporter).
- The risk route map did show curves on the road, but in a general way without highlighting the severity.
- There were no warning signs or speed restrictions along that section of the road.

MANAGERS – KEY POINTS TO CHECK

- All drivers, including contractors, have received defensive driving training and they have a high awareness about the additional precautions to take in adjusting their speed for the road conditions.
- An effective journey planning process is in place, including any diversions, and specific hazard areas are highlighted to drivers to keep their awareness high and to create a culture of risk caution.
- Driver induction and training takes into consideration the different types of vehicles and center of gravity differences that drivers may not be aware of, including when loaded and unloaded.

ALL PERSONNEL – ACTION TO TAKE

- Always review the route risk analysis before your journey starts, make yourself aware of hazard areas and report back with any additional hazards you identify.
- Be aware of the center of gravity limitations for your vehicle and always adjust your driving practices, especially speed, accordingly.
- Please remember, some road hazards may not be signposted, so always drive with caution and remain alert – **your family are waiting for you at home!**



Watch your
Speed



Journey
Planning



Respect the Law
& Other Drivers



Remember