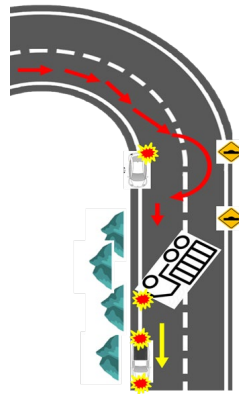


# GLOBAL SAFETY ALERT

## MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC FATALLY INJURED IN ROAD INCIDENT

### INCIDENT DETAILS

A contractor with bagged cement was on route to a customer's site when he encountered slow moving vehicles in front of him just after a bend in the road. He realized he would not be able to brake and stop in time, so he made an evasive maneuver, but in doing so he impacted a vehicle and then an embankment before also striking a pick-up truck and subsequently rolling over. The pick-up truck driver was fatally injured during the incident.



### KEY FINDINGS

- The driver was using his braking system excessively while driving downhill which caused the system to lose efficiency when he needed to brake to avoid the slow-moving vehicles.
- Although the contractor was driving at only 35 Km/hr, his speed was too high for that section of the road. There were also speed bumps further ahead to force vehicles to slow down.
- The driver was not familiar with the section of road because he had not driven that stretch for more than 1.5 years. There were no speed bump warning signs either, which if present, may have indicated greater caution was needed.
- The driver of the pickup truck (80 years of age) was not wearing his seat belt and the load he had on his vehicle (bricks) contributed to the severity of his injuries.

### MANAGERS – KEY POINTS TO CHECK

- An effective journey planning and control process is in place and specific hazard areas are highlighted to drivers to keep their awareness high.
- All drivers are well trained in defensive driving techniques, including driving at an appropriate speed depending on the road conditions, weather, etc. and how to prevent 'brake fade' through excessive use on hills etc.
- There is an effective process to evaluate driver's skill and past driving experience before assigning them to drive.
- Special emphasis is given when assigning drivers to complex routes to ensure only experienced / competent drivers go on those routes.
- Effective contractor approval system is in place to ensure contractor haulers have a robust management of their fleet and drivers.

### ALL PERSONNEL – ACTION TO TAKE

- Always review the route risk analysis before your journey, make yourself aware of hazard areas and report any additional hazards you identify.
- Let your supervisor know if you are not familiar or experienced on the type of route you have been assigned to drive.
- Always adjust your speed according to the road layout including hills, remember to use lower gears to help slow your vehicle.
- Please remember, it is very important for you to be safe on the road, and to always **follow the Driving Essentials– Your family is waiting for you at home!**



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Planning



Keep a Safe  
Distance



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