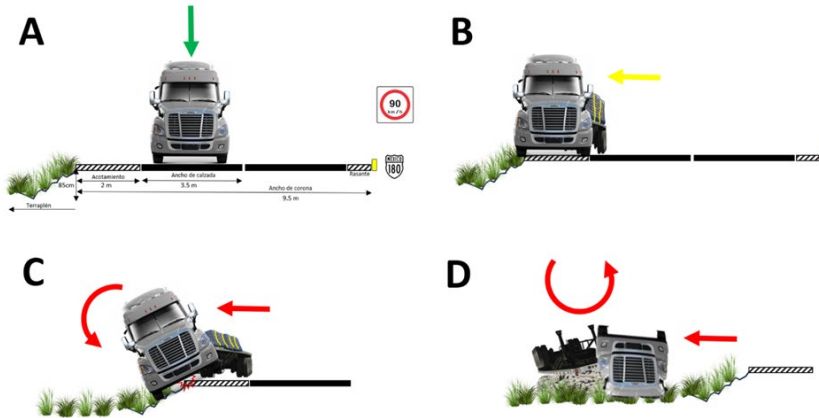


# GLOBAL SAFETY ALERT

## CONTRACTOR FATALLY INJURED DURING ROLLOVER

### INCIDENT DETAILS

A contractor lost control of his flatbed truck on a straight section of road when his vehicle overran the edge of the asphalt onto the soft angled verge, which caused it to then rollover.



### KEY FINDINGS

- There was evidence that suggests the driver had a messaging application in use on his mobile phone at the time of the incident.
- The investigation team identified several videos on social media platforms which the contractor driver had previously recorded while driving and while inside some facilities where he loaded his unit.
- There was no post-incident drug test, but the contractor's company has since advised that the driver had previously tested positive for drugs on two occasions during the last year. This had not been declared previously to our managers.
- During the journey, the contractor had stopped at 3 different locations which are renowned for selling drugs, although there is no proof that any were purchased.

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### MANAGERS – KEY POINTS TO CHECK

- All drivers, including contractors, are aware of and understand the company policies on mobile phones and drugs and alcohol and they are strictly enforced.
- An effective contractor approval system is in place to ensure contractor haulers have robust management practices in place for their fleet and their drivers.
- Checks are made to confirm contractors are trained and contractor companies are requested to declare any relevant H&S disciplinary issues (if allowed by local regulation).
- VFL 'drive along' activities are carried out regularly to help influence safe driving behaviours.

### ALL PERSONNEL – ACTION TO TAKE

- Always follow the company policy on mobile phone restrictions and never hold the phone or send messages, etc., while driving. Always keep your eyes and your mind on the road and avoid all types of distractions at all times.
- Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol because they can seriously impact your ability to drive safely and to react in time to hazards.
- If you are unclear about the company policies or if you are facing personal difficulties that may create a loss of safety performance or focus, please speak to your supervisor.
- Please remember, its 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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