

SAFETY ALERT

All Drivers (work vehicles and log trucks)

Background

In the past month we have had a total of 13 accidents/incidents related to driving on forest and public roads.

A truck has hit a bridge, a ute has run off the road, a ute and truck have collided head on, these 3 were the more serious of them all

Luck and quick reactions have prevented other accidents potentially becoming more serious.

Contributing facts:

Fatigue

Speed

Radio use

Cutting corners

Easy to follow preventative steps:

Fatigue

- Pull over, get your co driver to drive or have a power nap

Safe driving practice

Lights on when entering the forest

Keep to the left as much as practicable

Reduce your speed

- So you can stop in half the visible distance ahead
- Alter your speed to suit the road and weather conditions

Select the correct radio channel to monitor others location and to communicate your location.

Drive Defensive: always expect the unexpected

Correct radio usage

Select the correct radio channel to use

- Signs should identify which channel you should use (if you are not sure just ask)

Change channels and call up immediately once you enter the road and when you leave the skid

Call up frequently -

- Using the Km markers
- If these are not present, use designated call up areas

Monitor the correct radio channels, Keep your messaging short, cut the chit chat.

SHORT AND SWEET WORKS A TREAT

Don't drive to the radio

Just because you haven't heard anyone calling up, doesn't mean that no one is using that road. Remember not all road users have radios.

