



HAZARD ALERT

DRIVING

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Tree felling and Breaking Out are the industries 2 most high risk operations and our Driving is getting up there. Over a quarter or 25% of Ernslaw One accidents and incidents are driving related, we are not just talking logging trucks but also crew vans, crew utes, Ernslaw staff and the public. These accidents and incidents are happening on both, forest roads and off forest roads and in both Ernslaw One, North and South Island operations.

Investigation reports keep coming up with the same old few factors that have contributed to either the accident or incident.

Common contributing factors:

Speed
Cutting corners
Distractions
RT use
Fatigue

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Road conditions
Weather conditions
Stock

Basic preventative measures:

Speed – Keep speed down and drive to the conditions

Cutting corners – Is not acceptable, keep as far left as practicable and slow down

Distracted – keep your mind on the task at hand

- *plan to have everything you need in front of you and secure*

RT use – keep your message brief and to the point (we must cut out the chit chat)

- *don't rely on the radio and don't drive to the radio*

Fatigue – change drivers or stop have a stretch, have a power nap

- *stop have something to eat and drink*



Hazard notification

Weather and road conditions

- *as soon as practicable notify your dispatcher, contractor, Ernslaw supervisor or office on road issues*

Wandering stock

- *call the appropriate council agents or farmers*

