

Safety Alert

ARTC No. 119
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Vehicle Roll Over

Incident: This alert has been issued following a serious 'Hi Rail' roll over within the Interstate Network that occurred in late December 2019. The team member was travelling in an ARTC Hi Rail vehicle along an unsealed road when it hit a 'Bull Dust' Hole and rolled onto its roof. Fortunately, the driver was not severely injured however this event reinforces the importance of effective planning and journey management.

ARTC vehicles travel in excess of 18 million kilometres per year. FSR-01 Vehicle Accidents is our highest trending Fatal and Severe Risk. While fatigue was not believed to be a contributing factor it's a timely reminder for every driver to:

- Plan the journey in line with ARTC's 'the way we drive' and implement controls prior, during and after the journey
- Identify key times to check in with a nominated person based on the journey time **(not only at the start and end of journey)**
- Inspect your vehicle prior to driving and confirm it is ready and fit for use
- Be fit for the journey, free from the effects of fatigue, drugs and alcohol. Drivers are to notify their leaders if they are using prescription medication that can affect their ability to drive.
- Drive to the current conditions. This means considering the sign posted speed limit and the actual speed at which we travel along unsealed roads considering that conditions can change
- Take 15-minute break every two hours to help limit the onset of fatigue



For your action

1. Place Safety Alert on display and make copies of this alert available to people who report to you (without regular email access) and ensure that the contents of the safety alert are discussed/explained to your staff.
2. If engaging contractors, ensure they are made aware of current ARTC Safety Alerts.
3. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (e.g. via toolbox/safety meetings/morning briefings etc) to verify that the Safety Alert has been distributed and discussed.
4. Consider 'The Way We Drive' program [found here](#)

Further information

- All Safety Alerts issued can be [found here](#).
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