

**INCIDENT#: INC-01878****DATE ISSUE: 08/09/2023****SAFETY ALERT#: 019**

TREES/OBJECTS ON ROADS

DATE: 05/09/2023**TIME:** Approx 6.00am**SITE/BU:** Rooding**LOCATION:** Goudies Road- Kaingaroa Forest**PLANT TYPE:** Light vehicle

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

While travelling to work at approximately 6:00 am on Monday (just before sunrise), a vehicle heading south on Goudies Road near Burn Road, has impacted and passed underneath a large tree obstructing the road. The driver, who was the sole occupant, sustained moderate but fortunately not life-threatening injuries. The vehicle was severely damaged (as can be seen in the photograph).



CAUSE OF INCIDENT

This incident is currently under investigation.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- Always wear your seat belt
- Always expect the unexpected
- Be fresh and focused when driving to work, re focus on the drive ahead when travelling home.
- Always drive to the conditions and be able to stop in half the visible distance (ACOP 2.11.3)
- Reduce speed in dark, dusty, and foggy conditions.
- Engage high 4wd when on gravel roads if available.
- Assess the visible distance when on low and high beam.
- Familiarize yourself with the breaking capabilities of your vehicle.
- Keep your vehicle windscreen and windows clean.
- Do not have loose or heavy objects within your vehicle cab. Ensure that any such items are safely secured or stored separately from the vehicle's occupants.
- Ensure drivers are trained for unsealed road surfaces.
- Consider driver behavior monitoring software: e.g., E-Road, SmartTrack
- be courtesy to drivers going in opposite direction by slowing to minimize dust and stones being thrown at vehicles going the other direction.

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