

Hazards of driving



Driving for work is one of the most dangerous things workers will do.

Hazards that can cause harm to the driver or rider, passengers, other road users and/or pedestrians when

driving for work include:

- roadworks, traffic and congestion;
- vehicle condition;
- fatigue and distraction;
- time pressures;
- the weather, and
- behaviour of other road users.

Driving

Follow safe driving rules



- I always wear a seatbelt
- I do not exceed the speed limit, and reduce my speed for road conditions
- I do not use phones or operate devices while driving
- I am fit, rested and fully alert while driving
- I follow journey management requirements

Source: IOGP, Report 459 IOGP Life-Saving Rules

Here are some incidents that have happened to people driving at work:



Tiredness and driving

1 in 5 serious driving accidents happens because of fatigue. Learn about the most common signs of tiredness when you are driving and what you can do to prevent fatigue-related accidents.



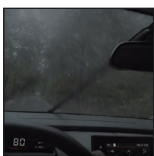
Truck blind spots

Learn what happened when a motorcyclist was hit by a truck that was changing lanes, and what are the best practices to prevent something like this from happening.



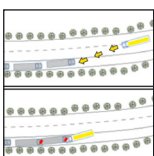
Worker receives injuries after being struck by forklift

A worker was crossing the shipyard when they were struck by the forklift on their leg. They span and fell across the forks, striking their right shoulder and hip and dislodging their hard hat and safety glasses.



Driving in challenging conditions

A driver failed to anticipate a curve and her vehicle skidded off the road, ending in a ditch. Unfavourable weather conditions and reduced visibility contributed to the incident.



Fuel truck head-on collision

A truck collided head-on after the driver choked on his drink and became unconscious. The truck damage was beyond repair. 12,000 litres (2600 gallons) of diesel were released onto the road and into the drains.

