

Pan Pac Forests Safety Alert #17

Date: 30 April 2024	Focus Group: All
Topic: Traffic Control & Defensive Driving	Issued By: Health & Safety - Andrea

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

AT ALL TIMES YOU MUST BE ABLE TO STOP IN ½ THE VISIBLE DISTANCE

Report poor driving (no matter who it is) *555

**Someone will be seriously injured or die soon if these events keep occurring,
do not let it be you!**

Incident:

26th April, 2 PP Log Trucks and a PP staff ute experienced a potentially serious near miss when a Traffic Control Ute pulled out onto the road and proceeded to travel at 10km/h. The area was after a passing lane, windy with short visual distances, sign posted for 100km/h and no traffic control warning signage was in place to indicate a slow speed area.

The PP staff member was able to pull up short. 1 log truck was required to seek sanctuary in the right hand lane narrowly avoiding an on-coming log truck and rear ending the vehicle in front. The following log truck was able to pull up in the distance available from the log truck moving to the right hand side. Fortunately there was no other on coming vehicles.

Our Harvesting Manager attempted to contact NZTA/TREC on the day and later advised a representative of the Near Miss and potential consequences of ill timed traffic control and traffic control points.

We are arranging external footage to release to NZTA/TREC.



Incident 2:

As we were preparing information for NZTA and writing the alert to the above Near Miss another actual event occurs...

A loaded stem unit was coming back from Esk forest following a traffic control Ute. The ute has slowed, pulled partially left straddling the left hand road markings and then turned right (u turn) into the truck drivers path. The truck has hit the Ute. Luckily no one has been injured.

The ute driver was in their 1st day on the job and has driven away to the traffic management location.



View as the ute begins to slow and move left



View as the ute is hit

Safe Behaviour – light and heavy vehicles:

These events happened to involve log trucks and 1 staff member. All Pan Pac employees and contractors are at risk on the roads. Driving defensively is our main defence and everyone's responsibility.

- **Following distance** a safe following distance must be maintained. The distance must be enough that you are able to stop short of the vehicle in front when the unexpected happens.
- **Defensive Driving** is a must on our roads. Do not make the assumption that other drivers know what they are doing or are aware of you on the road.
- **Report** poor driving behaviour *555
- **Report** unsafe road control practises to 0800 80 87 32

For Site Manager use (print this document and then complete):

This safety alert is relevant to my site? **Yes or No (circle one)**

If yes, complete the following actions:

1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators
2. I have placed this safety alert on the site noticeboard or in the safety file

Site Manager: _____

Date: / /