

SAFETY ALERT

Driving on Resource Roads



Keep your mind on task

Location: BC Interior

Date of Incident: June 29, 2018

Details of Close Call: On an active resource road in the Prince George area, a crew cab truck carrying 5 passengers and the driver, rolled after meeting a loaded logging truck. Road calling procedures required that only loaded traffic call kilometres. The driver of the crew cab thought they were at a different kilometre on the road and therefore failed to find a pullout when hearing a loaded log truck call his kilometre. The two vehicles met on a narrow stretch of road and passed without incident. However the shoulder was soft and steep which contributed to a slow roll-over of the crew cab. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

Learnings & Suggestions:

- Always be aware of your location (**mind on task**). Even experienced drivers can become distracted with thoughts, conversation and forget the importance of knowing their location
- As a precaution, use a 2km rule. When you hear a loaded vehicle coming within 2kms, **find a pullout and wait**. Roads can be narrow making it difficult for vehicles to pass by each other. There may be fewer pullouts than you expect
- Ensure **adequate planning** to help contractors minimize travel on busy haul roads
- Always **wear a seatbelt**.

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