

FATALITY ALERT

– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –

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A worker was fatally injured when his vehicle left the road while driving to work in the early hours of July 15 near Falkland, BC.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and our sympathies to all those affected by this incident.

The RCMP reports,

On July 15, 2019 at approximately 5:35 AM Falkland RCMP and Emergency Services responded to a report of a fatal collision on Highway 97 near Whispering Pines Frontage Road, east of Falkland, BC.

Upon arrival it was determined that an eastbound black pickup truck failed to negotiate a curve and left the highway. The lone occupant, a man in his 60's, was ejected from the vehicle and died as a result of the collision.

This is the fourth harvesting fatality of 2019.

While this incident is still under investigation and details are still to be determined, please review the following safety information:

1. Slow down and drive the appropriate speed for the conditions (road surface, presence of wildlife, road hazards, and visibility can all change unexpectedly). Reduce your speed to allow for these unexpected and changing conditions especially at night, dawn and dusk.
2. Seatbelts need to be worn at all times. During a motor vehicle incident, staying secured in your seat and in the cab greatly increases your chances of survival.
3. Distractions include more than phones. Focus on driving – passengers, loud music and other distractions can take your focus away from operating the vehicle and can lead to a serious incident.
4. Fatigue slows reaction times and can cause poor decision-making. Ensure you are well rested and alert before taking the wheel.