

Safety Alert

Recent Serious Driving Incidents involving ESB Staff

Over the last number of years there have been many positive improvements made in terms of driving for work in ESB. However in 2018 ESB recorded 7 LTI's (up from 5 in 2017) associated with driving for work while our yellow fleet were involved in 121 collisions (the lowest recorded yearly number ever). For these reasons, driving for work remains one of our top hazards across all of ESB.

In the period January - December 2018 there were 142 fatal collisions resulting in 149 fatalities on Irish roads. This represents an increase of 1% in collisions (+1) and 4% fewer deaths (-7) compared to Garda data for the full year of 2017.

Worryingly in 2019 year to-date, ESB staff have been involved in two serious occupational driving-related incidents. Both of these incidents are currently under investigation and we wish all involved a speedy recovery.

What do I need to do?

Managers/Supervisors:

- Ensure all staff reporting to you receive a copy of this alert
- Keep Driving/Road Safety to the fore in all safety conversations/briefings
- Ensure all staff are legally compliant prior to driving for work in relation to their licence, insurance etc.
- Log all Road Safety incidents on SHIELD.



All Staff:

- Make sure your vehicle is safe – Carry out your daily vehicle safety check
- Never drive a vehicle that is overloaded
- Belt up for every journey
- Eliminate distractions and stay engaged with what's happening around you
- Make your vehicle visible – use Daytime Running Lights
- Respect the posted speed limit
- Adjust your speed to the road, traffic and weather conditions
- Expect the unexpected
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs (prescribed or illegal)
- Report all road safety incidents to your line manager



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