

Incident Alert



Incident Title:

Winter Driving Conditions (Black Ice)

Date of Incident:

Wednesday 12 July 2017

Incident Description and Details:

A worker travelling between Tekapo A and B struck black ice causing the vehicle to spin off the road. The driver was unharmed.

With the present weather conditions throughout NZ, drivers need to be aware of the road conditions and plan appropriately.

Recommendations / Lessons:

In brief take into account the following:

1. Consider if you really need to travel, especially if the weather is poor.
2. Plan your journey.
3. Drive slower than you normally would – it only takes a split second to lose control in wet or icy conditions.
4. Avoid sudden braking or turning movements that could cause you to skid.
5. Look out for shaded areas caused by high banks and tall trees where roads freeze sooner and ice may not thaw during the day.
6. Bridges could also stay slippery longer than other road surfaces, so slow down when crossing them.

For more information see the following:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/winter-driving/>

<https://www.aa.co.nz/travel/roadwatch/>

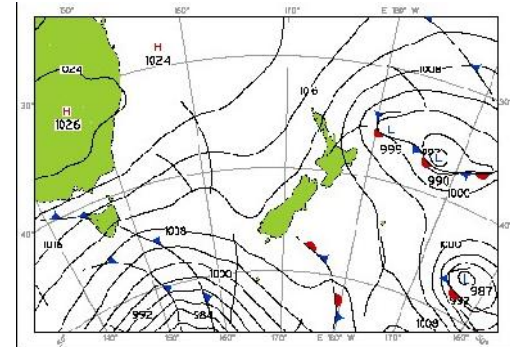
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