Safety Advice 20-2013 (June) (NZ)

The following incident alert information courtesy of TrustPower under the StayLive forum conveys information about a ute roll incident on a gravel road, where speed for the gravel road conditions was considered a cause factor.

The EEA thanks TrustPower for sharing this alert in the interests of raising awareness across the wider industry about the hazards of driving at excessive speed for road conditions.

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Incident Alert Form

TITLE DESCRIPTION:

Utility vehicle roll on private road

THE DETAILS (ATTACH PHOTOS):

A double cab utility vehicle was travelling on a private gravel road when the vehicle left the road and rolled. The vehicle came to rest entangled in a fence on the roadside. The driver (sole occupant) was able to get out of the vehicle and seek assistance.



CORRECTIVE ACTION OR IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

1. The driver was checked (suffered no physical injuries) and was driven home.
2. The driver is restricted from operating vehicles and heavy machinery until the incident investigation is completed.
3. Vehicle has been recovered from the scene and fence repaired.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION (INCLUDE DIAGRAMS OR PHOTOS IF NECESSARY):

The weather conditions at the time of the incident were good, there were no other road users involved and the only witness to the event was the vehicle driver.

KEY LEARNINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS AVAILABLE AT THIS STAGE:

1. The vehicle speed was too fast for the road surface and camber; the reasons for travelling at this speed are still being established to determine root cause.
2. Driving remains a high risk activity; communication of this incident is to highlight the consequences of unsafe driving behaviour.

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