

# Learning from Incidents

## Awareness Alert

LFI_VE_00029	Road Transport	June 2016
<b>Distractions While Driving</b>	The target audience for this alert is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All who drive on company business</li> <li>Hired Carrier Leadership Teams</li> <li>Hired Carrier Drivers</li> </ul>	
<b>What happened</b>	A number of incidents have occurred on the Viva Energy task as a result of distraction while driving. These include <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Third trailer of triple road train rolled with 40KL of product going to ground.</li> <li>Fourth trailer of quad road train rolled with 26KL of product going to ground.</li> <li>In-cab camera when activated by a G-force event has revealed the driver using a mobile phone.</li> </ol>	
<b>Why it happened</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Driver attempted to remove a bulb from a fault light on the dash as the light was annoying. As a result of the inattention to driving the vehicle left the bitumen and upon correction the last trailer exceeded its roll-over threshold and toppled.</li> <li>Driver attempted to synchronise mobile phone to truck sound system by Bluetooth to allow music to be played. As a result the vehicle left the bitumen and upon correction the last trailer of the quad road train exceeded its roll-over threshold and toppled colliding with another road train travelling in the opposite direction.</li> <li>Drivers (a number of instances) have chosen to use their mobile phone while driving and an auto activation of the in-cab camera has exposed the driver using a mobile phone.</li> </ol>	
<b>Lessons learned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-cab technology is a distraction which can result in loss of control that is very hard to recover from.</li> <li>Low risk driving requires full concentration on the driving task.</li> <li>At 100kph, a distraction of 4 seconds means that <b>NO-ONE</b> is in control of the vehicle for 111 metres.</li> <li><b>YOU</b> could be involved in a serious incident should you allow yourself to be distracted whilst driving.</li> </ul>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	Make sure all in-cab equipment adjustments are made before commencing your journey or stop in a safe area and make those adjustments, should it be necessary during the journey.  Remove possible distraction away so you cannot be tempted (eg. phones off or in a kitbag or glove box).  Do not allow yourself to be distracted from the driving task.	
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