

Safe Work Procedure – Driving on Resource Roads

SAFE PRACTICES:

- Conduct a “pre-trip” vehicle check. Use a Vehicle Log to record pre-trip safety inspection.
- Report deficiencies and do not use if equipment is in unsafe condition.
- As the driver you are responsible for your passengers. Ensure that you and all your passengers are wearing seatbelts. No seatbelt – no drive.
- No handheld cell phone use – get a passenger to make and receive your calls, use a Bluetooth device or let it go to message.
- Drive defensively at all times.
- Do not exceed posted speed limits.
- Do not exceed 80kph or posted speed limits on resource roads.
- Drive to the road conditions. Lower speed as required. Consider:
 - Visibility reduced by dust, fog, rain and snow;
 - Narrow roads with over width vehicles;
 - Steep favorable and adverse grades;
 - Slippery and variable road surface conditions due to loose gravel, snow, ice or mud;
 - Other users.
- Use vehicle for intended use only (purpose and weight limitations).
- Drive with vehicle lights on at all times.
- Stay on your side of the road.
- Secure all heavy or sharp objects in the cab of the vehicle.
- Respect that loaded logging trucks have the right of way on single lane roads.
- Do not tailgate
- Pass trucks or equipment only after you receive a clearly visible and/or audible signal from the operator.
- Switch drivers if you are becoming drowsy
- Never chase a runaway vehicle.

RADIO USE:

- Before starting on road with posted radio channel do a radio check to ensure correct frequency.
- Do not drive by the radio. Expect oncoming traffic on all corners.
- Call your position according to the local radio protocol and signage. Call “up” or “down”
- Notify other radio equipped vehicles of oncoming non-radio equipped traffic.
- Do not use road radio channels for conversations, use only for road traffic protocols.
- Pull over and safely park when talking on the radio phone for an extended period of time. Remember – intense conversations are highly distracting.

