



Safety Alert

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VEHICLE ACCIDENTS – SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES

WHAT HAPPENED:

A Rig Manager on route to his home from the rig site encountered a deer and swerved to avoid striking the animal. The vehicle struck the deer on the left side and then proceeded into the ditch. When the driver attempted to correct the direction of travel, the corrective action caused the vehicle to roll over. The Rig Manager died as a result of this rollover.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

The result of this fatality was the decision of the employee to NOT wear his seat belt, causing him to not only be thrust outside of the vehicles "Engineered Life Space" during the roll over, but also crushed under the truck as it rolled over.



WHAT HAPPENED:

The driver "fell asleep" at the wheel while returning to the camp during the day. The driver was wearing a seat belt and the injuries were very minor.



WHAT HAPPENED:

A crew was returning from rigging up on a lease and traveling on a very dusty road ...visibility was poor. The vehicle slammed into a tanker truck which was slowing down to make a turn into a lease. Both crewmembers received injuries. Attending police stated that if they hadn't been wearing their seat belts, they wouldn't be alive today.



CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

- **SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES - WEAR THEM! "IF WE'RE ALL WEARING THEM, THEN, WHY DO WE CONTINUE TO ATTEND FUNERALS?"**
- **SLOW DOWN TO DRIVING / ROAD CONDITIONS AND STAY ALERT STAY ALIVE!**
- **WHEN YOU FEEL DROWSY, STOP FOR A POWER NAP!!!!**

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