



# Safety Alert

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## VEHICLE INCIDENT RESULTS IN TWO FATALITIES

### WHAT HAPPENED:

A mechanic who was on his time off was driving a company pickup. The driver picked up six non-company personnel. Two of the passengers rode in the pickup cab and four of the passengers rode in the pickup bed. The driver swerved to miss a pothole and rolled the pickup, killing two passengers, injuring himself and the other passengers. Potential was there for additional fatalities.

### WHAT CAUSED IT:

The mechanic disregarded the company vehicle policy with regard to carrying non-work related passengers. He also disregarded the company policy on the proper use of seatbelts and transporting personnel in the bed of the truck. The facts surrounding the incident indicate a lack of adequate training and supervision.

### CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company reminded company personnel:

Procedures are in place for the safety and well being of company personnel and the general public. Disregarding policy can place people at risk of injury or death.

### Message:

Increased efforts must be put forth to train personnel with regard to company vehicle policies, and ensure that personnel follow company vehicle policies through observation. Drivers of company vehicles must be evaluated and held to strict adherence to company policy.

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