



Safety alert 09/2011

Fatigue management for fly in / fly out commercial vehicle drivers

The purpose of this Alert is to advise and promote industry awareness regarding compliance to the operating standards that apply to commercial vehicle operations on public roads in WA.

Background

Commercial vehicle drivers operating on both mine sites and public roads are being scheduled to work mine site rosters which could be in breach of the Western Australian *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996*.

Contributing factors

- Recent WorkSafe investigations have identified that the responsible person at the workplace had failed to ensure that commercial vehicles are operated in accordance with vehicle operating standards governed by Regulation 3.132(2) of the *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations of 1996*.
- The roster prevented solo commercial vehicle drivers from having at least two periods of 24 consecutive hours of non work time in any 14 day period, increasing the risk of driver fatigue. An alternative to this is, that in any 28 day period the driver has at least four periods of 24 consecutive hours of non work time if, and only if, the driver has no more than 144 hours of work time in any 14 day period that is part of the 28 day period.
- The responsible person at the workplace failed to ensure that the fatigue management plan allocated to fly in fly out commercial vehicle drivers was effective in managing the risk of driver fatigue.

Action required

- A responsible person at the workplace must ensure that the rostering of commercial vehicle drivers operating commercial vehicles within Western Australia does not exceed these operating standards. This may be achieved by effectively reviewing and checking for compliance against the completed trip records of commercial vehicle drivers which are kept at the workplace.

Further information

Code of Practice [Fatigue Management for Commercial Vehicle Drivers](#)

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