

HPI Alert Part 1



Initial notification and key messages from an event

Incident Title: Microsleep Vehicle Accident – Leonora				Date of issue: 27 Aug 2019
Date of event 22/08/2019	Risk Intervened No	Sentinel Record INC-056947	Related Safety Essentials Vehicles and Trucks	 Vehicles and Trucks
What happened	<p>A worker believed they suffered a micro sleep resulting in the vehicle veering across the oncoming lane of a highway.</p> <p>The vehicle narrowly missed a tree and a culvert, before coming to rest on the opposite side of the road.</p> <p>The airbags were deployed, the steering column collapsed and the front and rear windscreens were both broken.</p> <p>The driver sustained only minor injuries.</p>			
What immediate corrective actions were taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ambulance was called, however a decision was made for the driver to be taken to Kalgoorlie Hospital by a worker in the area. The driver was seen at hospital and released shortly after. 			
What should my team and I do now	<p>In your own workplaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss journey planning, including frequent breaks, journey time, weather conditions, time of day. Discuss the risk of fatigue and how to identify the signs of fatigue, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent/slow blinking, yawning. Varying speed. Drifting lanes/erratic steering. If you notice you are feeling tired: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pull over, have a break and stop for a stretch. Have something healthy to eat/drink. Call your Manager and consider a powernap or an overnight stay. 			