

Safety Advice

Sharing information to improve safety

Target audience: All Sydney Trains' workers, including contractors, and operators who use work vehicles.

The Issue

An electrical crew were travelling to a worksite using a narrow council access road. There were two employees in the truck (Isuzu MPR 300). The truck has driven onto soft road edges resulting in the truck sliding down the embankment and rolling onto its side. The two employees were not injured.

Key elements of the incident involved the following:

- The access road has been recently upgraded and the fence had been reinstalled in a different position. The employees had not driven on this road since the upgrade.
- The access road was narrow (2.33m) causing the driver to move away from the fence which resulted in the right front right wheel coming off the road and onto soft shoulder.
- The driver tried to correct this by stopping and adjusting however the weight of the truck shifted, and the truck slid down further and rolled onto its side.
- The ground was very wet after recent weather events.



Immediate actions taken

- Team briefings on the importance of assessing vehicle routes, particularly if road or route is new or conditions have changed.
- Sign to be installed at the access point - (No Sydney Trains vehicles beyond this Point)
- Inform Local Council of issue.
- An investigation into the incident is currently underway to identify any other causal factors that may have contributed.

Contact your SEQR Representative or Line Manager if you have any questions.



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