

Safety Alert

From the LEG HSE Department

Increasing Number of Vehicle Incidents

What Happened:

In the past month, LEG has had 9 vehicle related incidents. These 9 incidents have ranged from minor fender benders to incidents that resulted in total losses and significant injuries. As we look at these trends and find ways to stop them, I encourage all LEG Team Members to pay close attention to their driving habits and make alterations as needed to improve the safety of all drivers on the road.

What Contributed To These Recent Incidents? :

- Following Distance (following too closely)
 - Proper following distance for Light Duty Vehicles is 4 seconds, for Heavy Duty Vehicles this distance doubles to 8 seconds
 - When we follow too closely to the vehicle in front of us it reduces our response time
 - Weather and road conditions i.e. (rain, dust, road surface, etc.) need to be considered when determining proper following distance. If these condition exist increase following distance by 2 seconds
 - Drivers need to know the necessary stopping distance for the weight/size of their vehicle
- Distracted Driving
 - Any activity that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or mind off the driving task is considered distracted driving
 - Distractions include; use of cell phones, talking to passengers, eating while driving, grooming, daydreaming, etc.
- Unaware of Surroundings
 - Perform a 360° walk around before getting into your vehicle to ensure all obstacles are accounted for
 - Use mirrors properly. Adjust them and keep them clean so you can see both sides and behind vehicle while you are in motion



**BE SAFE.
DRIVE SMART.**