

Safety Awareness Topic of the Month

Transport and Travel

Travel should always be an area of concern for all enterprises especially when tight time frames are involved.



For off-shore workers this can involve a minimum of driving a vehicle from home to an airport and a helicopter flight or boat transfer out to the workplace. In many cases an additional flight may be involved between airports necessitating the workers to rise early and travel by vehicle during the hours of darkness.

With the advent of more and more remote workplace locations onshore, these workers also often experience similar travel modes with the addition of a further vehicle transit to complete their journey.

The majority of work in our industry is deemed fly-in / fly-out and as with all workers their travel needs must be met in a manner which promotes their maximum safety and wellbeing.

It is important when planning travel arrangements that each individual workers' needs are clearly understood, and appropriate arrangements are made to minimise their fatigue. Considerations to allow for include such items as: their travel time to the airport; known peak traffic periods to allow for, or preferably avoid; the minimum time required by the airline for baggage deposit, ticket collection and any clearances before departure; also the journey rest periods stipulated by company rules; and any sustenance requirements.

The transport industry already has very clear and concise regulatory rules which must be followed with regards to truck driver rest periods, travel times, log books etc.

Over recent years there have been a number of fatalities, often involving single vehicles, of workers driving whilst fatigued, both on their way to the job and traveling home.

DON'T let your workers add their names to those whom fatigue has claimed.

PLAN their travel arrangements well and keep them as safe as possible.

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