

## ***SAFETY ALERT***

# ***Shared Learning's***

### **INCIDENT TITLE:**

Minor Vehicle Accidents

### **TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:**

June & August 2016

### **INCIDENT DETAIL :**

The Wind Team has had a challenging few months on the vehicle damage front. Three site vehicles have sustained panel damage – all on the left hand side of the vehicle.

- One collided with a metal gate post at low speed in a carpark during a visit to a commercial site.
- Another occurred while travelling home, whereby a corner was taken wide with the vehicle losing control momentarily and contacting a road sign which damaged the left hand panels of the vehicle.
- Finally another incident occurred in a shop carpark where a small carpark bollard was struck on the left hand side of the vehicle.

While the impact in each of these cases occurred at low speeds, the panel damage was significant and costly to repair. None of these incidents involved other vehicles.

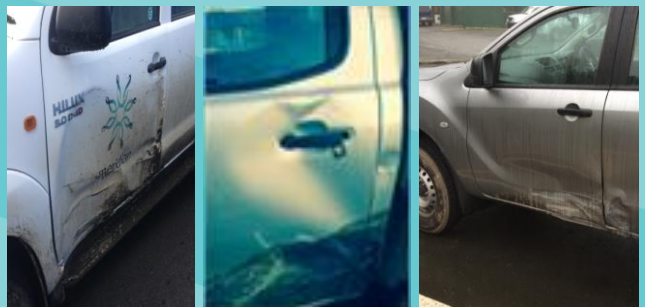
### **INITIAL RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES :**

In all cases initial responses were appropriate with vehicles being assessed for damage and continued safe for use. Incidents were reported to management in an appropriate timeframe and in the case of the road sign collision, the Police were notified of the incident and Local Council were made aware of road sign damage.

### **LEARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS INCIDENT:**

- Staying focused while behind the wheel is critical to preventing vehicle incidents.
- Being aware of surroundings is important, especially in off-road situations such as carparks.
- You don't have to be travelling at speed to have an accident that could cause significant damage or injury.

### **PHOTO:**



The Corporate Safety and Health Team are currently working on systems to support the above learnings. If interested in viewing the full investigation report for this incident, it can be found in:

Safety Manager and Wind Team files.



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