

NZ Safety Alert

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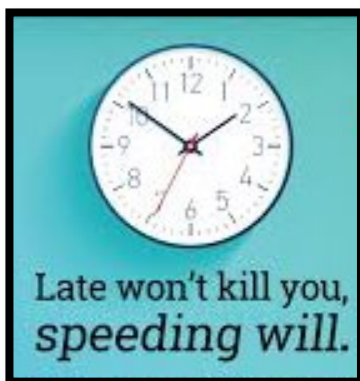
Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Speeding and overloading kills

In 2019, truck crashes in New Zealand resulted in 67 deaths and 208 serious injuries. In many of these accidents, speed and/or overloading were contributing factors.

Recently “weigh in motion” technology on Auckland Harbour Bridge detected four seven axle trucks carrying aggregate within a 30-minute period, that were up to 13 tonnes over legal weight. Two of these trucks were also exceeding the speed limit.

The Land Transport Act imposes obligations on transport companies as well as persons up and down the supply chain who directly or indirectly cause a breach of vehicle maximum gross weight limits. These provisions are in place for the safety of other road users and the integrity of roading infrastructure.



You need to ensure that:

1. Procedures are in place to ensure that no truck leaves site overloaded.
2. Where practical, on-truck technology is used to ensure drivers are not speeding.
3. All truck drivers are trained and assessed as competent in operating their vehicles safely, including driving within speed limits and not overloading.
4. All mobile equipment is maintained in accordance with Original Equipment Manufacturer requirements.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.