SAFETY WEEK 2020:

ROAD SAFETY RULES

Each operational area of OTML will have developed and implemented a Traffic Management Plan based on risk assessments.

The plan identifies the site road rules for:

- Maximum speed limits
- Give way
- Overtaking
- U-turns
- Horn signals
- Separation of vehicles and pedestrians
- Minimum approach distances
- Park up.

Information on road safety rules should have been covered during your induction.

You are responsible for complying with all safety rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the work site. Failure to do so puts lives at risk.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to observe vehicle standards and road rules will result in license or driving permit demerit points. If a driver accumulates 12 Demerit Points or more their Driver's Permit will be suspended.



BE THE CONTROL NOT THE HAZARD

- Drivers and passengers must wear a seatbelt.
- Use the radio before entering a mine operational area, overtaking and going closer than 50m to an operating vehicle.
- No hand-held mobile phone when driving.
- Obey signs including speed limit signs, danger signs and warning signs.
- Use the appropriate horn signal when operating heavy vehicles in the mine. One for start up, two for forward, three for reverse.
- Use the right vehicle for the task and only use the vehicle for its intended purpose.
- Have a journey management plan in place with your supervisor if working remotely.
- Check blind spots.
- Drive to conditions.
- Scan ahead for changing conditions and adjust your operating technique to suit.
- Use a spotter when reversing and when visibility is an issue.
- Slow and stop smoothly and early. Stopping distance is affected by speed, driver's reaction time and vehicle braking distance.
- Maintain 50m minimum separation distance from other vehicles while travelling.
- Give way to:
 - emergency vehicles, in an emergency
 - working road maintenance plant
 - operating production vehicles.
- No u-turns on ramps in open cut.
- Do not overtake unless you have received confirmation from vehicle you are overtaking. Do not overtake emergency vehicles, vehicles working on the road, haul trucks or explosives vehicles.
 - Park in designated parking area or on flat, stable ground. Chock wheels if on a slope.
 - Fundamentally stable before leaving vehicle (gear in neutral or park, park brake on, engine off, remove keys, lock doors).



ADJUST YOUR STEERING

Adjust the steering wheel before moving. Only steer when moving and gently keep both hands on the wheel.

KEEP SCANNING

Look up to 12 SECONDS ahead and check your mirrors every 8-10 seconds. Use the mirrors to check your blind spots.



MAINTAIN A GAP

When following another vehicle keep 2-4 SECONDS behind the vehicle in front. This gives you more time to react if the other vehicle stops.

Position your vehicle to maximise the distance from hazards (also called buffering)



READ THE SIGNS

Signage alerts you to any upcoming changes or obstacles so you can prepare. Always maintain a safe speed within the signed speed limits.



SLIPPERY SURFACES

Wet or loose surfaces reduce tyre grip and can cause loss of control. Drive at a speed that allows you to brake gradually.

HILLS

When traveling UPHILL shift down early to prevent engine shuddering (or "lugging").

Before travelling DOWNHILL reduce speed and select a gear low enough to slow the vehicle without using the brakes.

The 'Wopa Stopper' at the bottom of hills can help stop your vehicle in an emergency if your brakes fail.

