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Title: A3 Road Traffic Collision Injury: Shock

Incident

On the morning of the 27th of January, at approximately 07:15, a Network Rail leased small van occupied by 4 Network Rail staff was travelling up the A3(M) (London Bound) from Portsmouth and Southsea to Guildford depot.

The NR vehicle was in the inside lane of the 2-lane dual carriageway, north of Horndean, when the Network Rail driver noticed a car ahead of them that was making no attempt to move into the available hard shoulder despite travelling at approximately 5mph.

The driver of the NR vehicle had to swerve heavily to avoid impact and lost control of the vehicle which spun, hitting the central reservation barrier head on.

Fortunately, despite suffering from shock and soreness to their right shoulders (caused by the seat belts), there was no other injuries reported.



The occupants of the vehicle were extremely fortunate.

Items to consider

- There is nothing that we, as individuals or as a company, can do to change the actions, behaviours or motivations of third party drivers.
- There is however changes we can make within our company. Network Rail and Automotional run driver training programmes that offer professional up-skilling to our employees.
- Do not delay. If you drive a vehicle for Network Rail speak to your line manager about arranging a driver training session.
- The skills you will learn will help you both at work and at home and it may just save a life!