

DRIVING FOREST ROADS FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #1

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These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Prince George District.
Remember, roads are radio assisted not radio controlled. Drive accordingly.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Known Hazards

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| 1. Excessive Speed | 6. High traffic volumes |
| 2. Failure to follow traffic control procedures | 7. Soft shoulders |
| 3. Passing other vehicles on narrow roads | 8. Reduced traction with road surface |
| 4. Freezing rain or snow | 9. Flying rocks |
| 5. Extreme dust, fog, or smoky conditions | 10. Signs on roads take precedence over other sources |

Reporting Hazards – All users are responsible to report safety hazards to their employer.

1. Drivers must be fully licensed and certified for the vehicle being driven.
2. All vehicles will display a vehicle identification number (VIN) prominently at the front of the vehicle, complying with the required standards.
3. All traffic must drive on the right-hand side of the road.
4. Drivers shall slow down to a maximum of 30 km/hr when meeting road maintenance equipment or passing a stopped vehicle.
5. On the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle giving an audible signal and showing a visible flashing red light, a driver must yield the right of way, immediately drive to a safe position that allows passage for the emergency vehicle, and stop and remain in that position until the emergency vehicle has passed.
6. Vehicles shall reduce speed for oncoming traffic providing “DOWN” traffic the unobstructed clearance to pass safely.
7. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the “OK”. The lead vehicle is responsible for slowing down, providing room and advising the passing vehicle when it is safe to pass.
8. Vehicles or equipment over 11’ 6” (3.5 meter) wide must be escorted by a radio equipped vehicle with headlights and safety flashers on (see FRP #3 Low-bedding/Wide loads).
9. Drive at a safe speed with headlights and taillights on. Be aware of road conditions and drive accordingly, obey all posted speed limits and other road signs.
10. All drivers and passengers must wear seatbelts. Seatbelts save lives!
11. There must be no loose articles in the vehicle cab that could become potential projectiles in a sudden stop. Such items must be stowed away or tied down.
12. All accidents and “near misses” must be reported within 24 hours to the appropriate supervisor.
13. Vehicles must not stop on haul roads except at a safe passing point or a turn out. In case of a breakdown, reflectors must be utilized and other road users informed. If parking in a turnout, ensure you leave room for other vehicles to still use it. Dim lights or angle vehicle away from oncoming traffic when in a pullout.
14. Tires, especially dualies must be checked and cleaned of rocks regularly after operating on gravel roads or sites.
15. All trucks over 5,000kg* GVW must be equipped with the following safety equipment;

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE (hard hat, hi-vis vest, boots, protective eyeglasses) • Personal first aid kit • Roadside triangles • Load flags • Tire chains (during winter) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One certified fire extinguisher • Axe or Pulaski • Shovel • Sufficient wrappers/cinches to secure load • Two way radio (only one two way radio permitted in trucks) |
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*As per interprovincial National Safety Council (NSC) standards

Follow the “3C’s”: **Courtesy** **Caution** **Concentration**

Participating committee members:

