

SAFETY ALERT



Truck Blind Spot Awareness

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Workers

Incident Details

In a recent incident a large truck collided with a Curtin worker's vehicle multiple times whilst travelling in the same direction along a major highway. This resulted in the vehicle spinning a full 360 degrees. Neither of the Curtin workers in the vehicle were injured during this incident, however the vehicle was written off as a result by the insurance company.



Vehicle damage

Investigation Results

Investigation of this incident revealed that the truck driver did not see the Curtin worker's vehicle as he indicated that it was located in his "blind spot".

Information

All trucks have four main blind spots:

- immediately in front of the truck
- beside the driver's door
- directly behind the truck
- on the passenger's side, from the door extending out across at least three lanes along the length of the truck

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For a demonstration of truck blind spots, please review the YouTube clip below
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVC9FoVzRwQ> from Transport for NSW.

Key Messages

Curtin workers are reminded to:

- maintain a safe distance from other vehicles, especially trucks
- where-ever possible locate your vehicle out of any truck blind spots

Who do you call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email
healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

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