

SAFETY ALERT

Pickup Truck Rollover

This accident occurred recently on the main road into one of our Operation Facility sites.

While driving along the road, the driver finished a call on the radio and was putting the mike back onto its holder when it fell off. The driver reached down to pick it up off the floor. The truck went onto the shoulder, the passenger side wheels catching the softer gravel shoulder and pulling the truck into the ditch. The driver reacted by attempting to steer the truck back onto the road. The truck rolled one and a half to two times, coming to rest on its side.



- While driving on or off the job, your only task should be maintaining the safe operation of the vehicle.
- While the vehicle is in motion, leaning over and taking your eyes off the road to retrieve an item that may have fallen or is tucked away, *will* most likely cause your straight forward steering direction to change enough, thus causing you to quickly react and in some cases over reacting to regain control of the vehicle.
- Do not attempt to multi task while operating a motor vehicle as this will take away from your concentration, even momentarily from controlling your vehicle.
- The extra few minutes you take to pull over and deal with other tasks or issues can mean the difference between arriving home safety or suffering a potentially serious personal injury.

IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

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