



TEXAS OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION SAFETY TALKS

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Driving in Low Visibility Conditions

What this Safety Talk Covers:

The "Dos" and "Don'ts" of staying safe while driving during low visibility conditions.

Discussion Notes:

Discuss the outcomes of the "Dos" and "Don'ts."

- Do**
 - ✓ Slow down and allow extra time when traveling between well sites, yards, and refineries. Fog, dust, or heavy rain can conceal unexpected hazards.
 - ✓ Use headlights and hazard lights appropriately so other vehicle and equipment operators can see you.
 - ✓ Stay alert for unmarked entrances and exits at lease roads, pipeline crossings, and staging areas. These may not be visible until you're right on top of them.
 - ✓ Maintain radio or cell communication with your crew when traveling in low visibility, especially when multiple vehicles are moving in and out of the same location.
 - ✓ Watch for oversized loads and slow-moving equipment on narrow oilfield roads; give them plenty of space and be ready for sudden stops.
 - ✓ Pull over in a safe, designated area if visibility becomes too poor to continue, and notify your supervisor of the delay.
- Don't**
 - ✗ Rely on GPS alone. Lease roads and temporary routes on the site may not be mapped or may have changed since your last trip.
 - ✗ Overdrive your headlights; if you can't stop within the distance you can see, you're driving too fast for the present conditions.
 - ✗ Assume barricades, cones, or signage are clearly visible. Slow down near work zones where warnings may be obscured by fog or dust.
 - ✗ Tailgate service trucks, water haulers, or rig-up crews; heavy vehicles often kick up dust and reduce visibility even more.
 - ✗ Don't cut across lease roads or pipeline right-of-ways when visibility is poor. Stay on designated routes to avoid hidden hazards or restricted areas.
 - ✗ Ignore fatigue. Low visibility requires extra focus, and tired drivers are at much higher risk of an incident.





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Employee Quiz Driving in Low Visibility Conditions

Employee Name: _____

Circle the correct answer below

1. When driving in fog, dust, or heavy rain, what is the safest approach?
 - a. Maintain your normal speed to avoid delays
 - b. Slow down and allow extra time
 - c. Use high beams to see farther ahead
 - d. Follow the vehicle in front closely
2. Why is it important to maintain radio or cell communication with your crew in low visibility?
 - a. To check in on break times
 - b. To avoid getting lost on public highways
 - c. To coordinate safe travel when multiple vehicles are moving in and out of the same location
 - d. To report the weather to dispatch
3. Which of the following is a common visibility hazard unique to the oilfield?
 - a. Heavy morning traffic in the city
 - b. Oversized loads and slow-moving equipment on lease roads
 - c. Streetlights being too dim
 - d. Potholes on paved highways
4. What should you do if visibility becomes too poor to continue safely?
 - a. Speed up and try to get through quickly
 - b. Stop in the middle of the road with hazard lights on
 - c. Pull over in a safe, designated area and notify your supervisor of the delay
 - d. Keep driving as long as GPS shows you're on course
5. Overdriving your headlights means you are driving faster than you can safely stop within the distance lit by your headlights.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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