

Motor Vehicle Safety

Motor vehicle incidents are a significant cause of workplace injuries and fatalities in Saudi Arabia. With a high volume of traffic and long-distance travel often required for work-related activities, ensuring road safety is critical for protecting workers. According to Saudi government reports, the leading causes of road accidents include:

- Speeding
- Distracted driving (e.g., mobile phone use)
- Fatigue due to long working hours or insufficient rest
- Failure to wear seatbelts
- Violations of traffic laws

To address these risks, employers and workers must work together to promote safe driving practices and comply with Saudi Arabian traffic regulations and HSE standards.

Employer Responsibilities

Under Saudi Arabian labor laws and HSE regulations, employers are required to take all reasonable measures to protect workers from driving-related hazards. This includes:

- Providing information, instruction, and supervision to ensure workers understand driving hazards and safe practices.
- Conducting regular training programs on defensive driving, traffic laws, and vehicle maintenance.
- Ensuring all company vehicles are well-maintained and meet safety standards.
- Implementing a vehicle inspection program to identify and address mechanical issues before they become hazards.
- Developing and enforcing safe driving policies, including speed limits, rest breaks, and seatbelt use.
- Establishing a collision reporting system to investigate incidents and implement corrective actions.
- Monitoring driver qualifications, including valid driver's licenses and compliance with Saudi traffic laws.

Worker Responsibilities

Workers are required to follow the training, policies, and procedures provided by their employer. To contribute to road safety, workers should:

- Drive defensively and remain alert to potential hazards on the road.
- Obey all traffic laws, including speed limits and traffic signals.
- Always wear a seatbelt and ensure all passengers do the same.
- Avoid distractions such as mobile phone use while driving.
- Plan the safest route before starting a trip and avoid high-risk areas when possible.
- Report vehicle issues to the employer immediately and refrain from driving unsafe vehicles.
- Never drive under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any substance that impairs judgment or reaction time.
- Take regular rest breaks during long trips to avoid fatigue.

Additional Considerations for NCC T&D Projects

Given the nature of NCC T&D's operations, which often involve travel to remote project sites and transportation of heavy equipment, the following measures are recommended:

- Provide specialized training for drivers operating heavy vehicles or transporting hazardous materials.
- Equip vehicles with safety features such as GPS tracking, dashcams, and emergency kits.
- Conduct pre-trip inspections to ensure vehicles are in optimal condition.
- Promote a culture of safety by recognizing and rewarding safe driving practices.

By implementing these measures, NCC T&D can significantly reduce the risk of motor vehicle incidents and ensure the safety of its employees and stakeholders.

For more information, refer to NCC T&D's relevant IMS procedures or consult our HSE Department for expert guidance and training resources aligned with Saudi Arabian regulatory requirements