



Safety Alerts ensure employees are aware of and understand the hazards and risks that exist in the workplace. Please review this alert and take action to ensure you and your coworkers are safe.

## WHAT HAPPENED

### February 15, 2024 | Vehicle Accident

While attempting to make a legal, left U-turn at an uncontrolled intersection, our company van was struck on the passenger side near the right front tire by an oncoming sedan. The impact spun the company van back across the inside lanes of the roadway over the median curb. The momentum pushed the front of the company van into a pickup that was in the designed left/U-turn lane we just exited.



## KEY LEARNINGS

**Assess Traffic Conditions:** Before initiating a U-turn, carefully evaluate traffic conditions and potential hazards. Ensure there is enough time and space available to complete the turn safely and yield the right-of-way to oncoming vehicles.

**Give Yourself Extra Time:** Leaving earlier can help prevent added stress especially during rush hour traffic when many people are anxious, distracted, and fatigued. If you are running late, let people know and stay focused on driving defensively for a safe arrival.

**Plan Your Route:** Consider ways you can avoid or minimize driving hazards along routes. It may be safer to drive to a controlled intersection with a traffic light than make a U-turn at an uncontrolled intersection during rush hour traffic.

## MORE INFORMATION

Other drivers may not be using the same caution and focus so always drive defensively.

Report all incidents immediately regardless of severity so we can take appropriate action to reduce the impacts on people and property and apply key learnings to prevent reoccurrence.

Contact your supervisor, manager, or safety representative if you have any questions.

### **FORTIS IS COMMITTED TO WORLD-CLASS SAFETY**

*There is no amount of customer service, productivity, or revenue that is worth an injury of any kind. Always put your safety and the safety of others first.*