

INCIDENT INVESTIGATION SCENARIO

THE INCIDENT

Brendan Edwards was a refuse collector for the Brisbane City Council and working out of its Eagle Farm Depot. He was hit by an oncoming car in a suburban street in Hamilton at 4.30 am on Friday, 21 August, 2016 and suffered fatal injuries as he was running from behind the refuse truck to the other side of Reddon Street to collect a bin.

INFORMATION FROM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF INTERVIEWS

Each day the team of workers, one driver and two refuse collectors for refuse truck, have a set run to carry out. The shift is 8 hours, however, if the work for that day is completed under the time given then the workers can go home early.

The other refuse collector had been asked by the shift supervisor to watch out for the new employee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- * The refuse truck has a rear loading device.
- * Beer cans were found in the cab of the truck.
- * It is company policy that the refuse truck drive down both sides of the street, with collectors working from the footpaths on the left hand side of the truck.
- * The day of the incident was fine but slightly misty, the street where the incident occurred was a narrow lane in the inner suburb with minimal traffic.
- * Training of the workers involves an initial safety course at the commencement of work with the company.
- * The employee involved had only just started with the company having worked only 3 weeks.
- * The employee was wearing a dark blue t-shirt and shorts at the time of the incident. A red reflective vest was issued but this vest was found in the cabin of the truck.
- * Brendan's DOB is 27-5-75 and his home address is 8 Radio Drive, Brisbane, 4064.

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