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Gravel Road Induction Program (GRIP) Defensive Driving Course Information

We are continuing to conduct 4WD Training on site for a number of the major mining and exploration companies throughout WA. Some of the training we are delivering is the site specific Gravel Road Induction Program (**GRIP**) course.

The following is to clarify the details of the 4WD Training we are conducting, and some of the requirements needed to ensure the smooth running of the courses on site.

Firstly it's important to distinguish the differences between Eureka 4WD Training's **GRIP** course and the National Standard 4WD Training courses such as SRODRV001B "Drive and Recover a 4WD Vehicle" which we are accredited to deliver through the Training Accreditation Council of WA.

Eureka 4WD Training have developed the **GRIP** package to specifically address the risk management of operating light 4WD vehicles on mine and heavy construction sites. Typically, staff operating in these environments do not experience the 4WD obstacles of large rocks, deep ruts, very steep inclines, deep flowing water crossings and the like. Instead, they must safely manage slippery gravel road conditions, muddy roads, floodways, plus outback road obstacles like wildlife, livestock, dips, crests and corrugations in 4WD vehicles. Many of these site specific driving risks are not a component of the "SRODRV001B Drive and Recover a 4WD Vehicle" course.

GRIP has been developed to satisfy a particular need, not to replace or shortcut true "off-road" 4WD terrain training. The **GRIP** focus is on gravel road control and defensive driving techniques along with contingency management, with particular respect to emergency braking and collision avoidance. If off-road 4WD terrain will be experienced by your staff, the National Standard 4WD course content may remain appropriate.

GRIP is delivered on site to ensure relevance to each site's roads and vehicles. The course consists of two components, being

- Classroom theory 2½ hours
- In-vehicle practical 2 hours

The emphasis is on an interactive dialogue and student participants. The theory/classroom session lasts approximately 2½ and the practical session is approximately 2 hours. The timing of the practical session can vary widely due to distance to the designated training area, as well as the natural aptitude of the participants. Students receive one on one personal attention from the Cert IV trainer regarding their driving techniques during the in-vehicle practical session.

To deliver the **GRIP** package, Eureka 4WD Training will require:

- A classroom facility with a whiteboard (for delivery of the theory).
- Roadworthy, mechanically sound 4WD vehicles similar to those driven by the participants during their work duties. These should feature a lap/sash seatbelt for all occupants.
- A section of gravel road which has been closed to other traffic and signage or vehicles to mark the road closed. It is suggested this road is at least one kilometre long and relatively wide, flat and straight in order for safe braking techniques to be practised.
- Permission to drive on this road at speeds of up to 80kph for short durations to effectively enhance the safe driving skills of the participants.

We are able to manage up to 10 students per group/session and can offer two sessions per day. This is managed by conducting the practical session with the first group, followed by the theory session with both groups at once and finally conduct the last practical session with the second group. A reasonable break between sessions for our instructor, allows the high quality of our training to be maintained.

Should you have any queries regarding the content or requirements of the 4WD Training on your site please contact us on 08 9497 5655.

Our courses are tailored to your site specific requirements, just let us know what else you need.