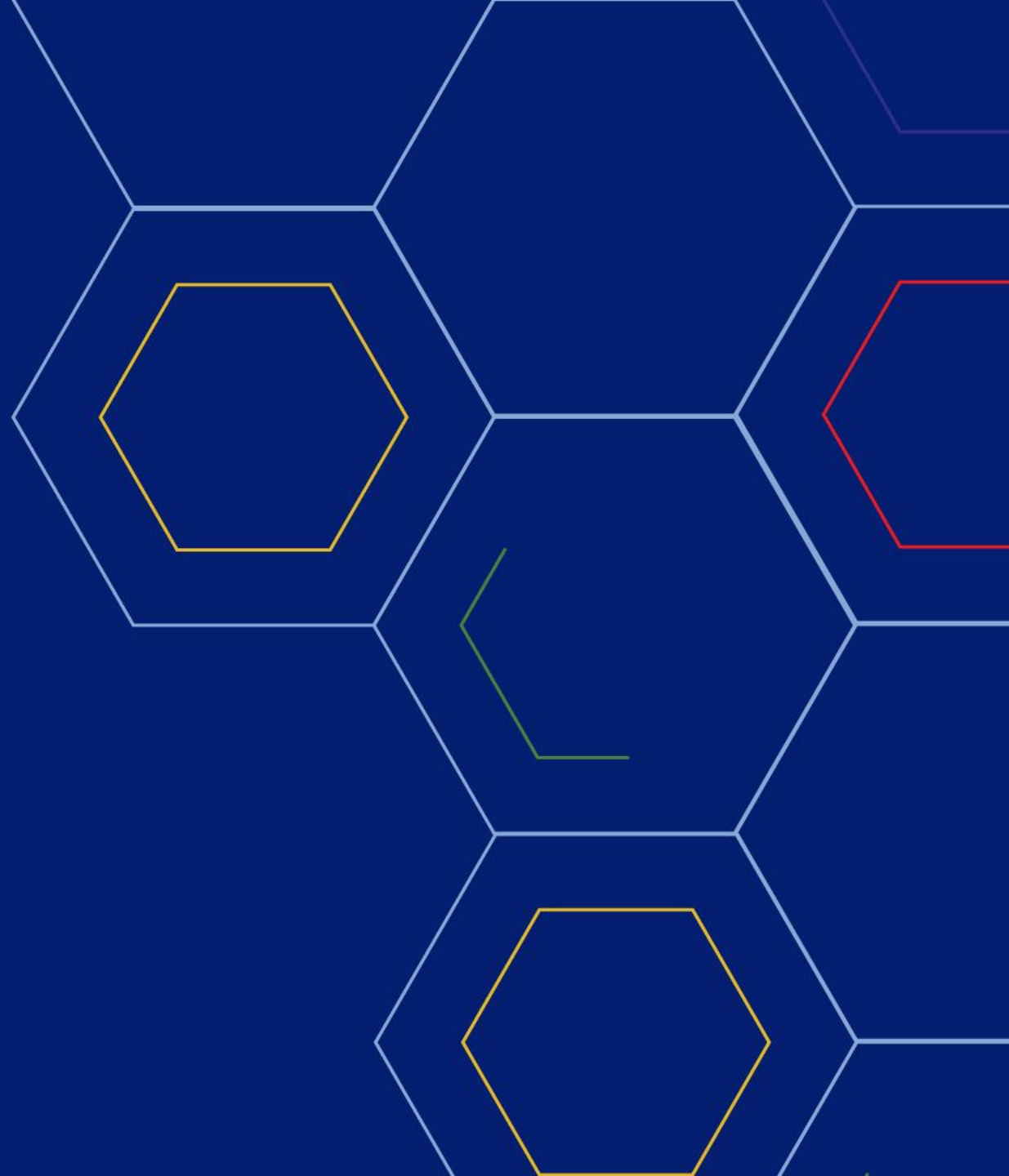




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LEARNING FROM INCIDENT (LFI)

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INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

An employee was en- route from a Terminal to Secunda for the purpose of returning a hired vehicle to its depot. During the journey, the employee relied on the vehicle's GPS system, which directed the employee from a tarred road onto an unfamiliar gravel road.

As the vehicle descended a slight incline, it veered to the left after passing over a rocky protrusion on the gravel road. The driver attempted to correct the vehicle's path, it then veered to the right and left the gravel road, rolling over once before coming to a stop on all four wheels. At the time of the incident, the weather conditions were clear, with no wind.

The employee was unable to exit the vehicle immediately. A passing motorist rendered assistance. Emergency services were contacted, and the employee was transported to hospital in Heidelberg for a medical assessment. Fortunately, the employee sustained only minor injuries and was treated and discharged on the same day.



INCIDENT ROOT CAUSE

- There was no Loss Prevention Self-Assessment (LPSA) discussion conducted by the Supervisor with the employee
- The driver did not complete defensive driving



INCIDENT LEARNINGS

- Gravel is a constantly changing, low-grip surface, so drive at a slower speed than you would on a tar road. This reduces the risk of losing traction when you stop, accelerate or take a corner.
- When you're driving on gravel, it's generally a good idea to drive in existing tyre tracks worked into the gravel even if there's only one set of tracks in the centre of the road.
- If you do find yourself in a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the accelerator, and carefully steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go.





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