Road Risk: Managing Work-Related Vehicle Collisions Picture This



In the image, the driver appears injured after a rear-end collision, suggesting she was either following too closely, distracted, or unable to react in time to traffic ahead. The impact shows the front of her vehicle crumpled under the bumper of the car in front, a classic sign of insufficient stopping distance. Sitting on the ground in pain also indicates she may not have been wearing a seatbelt properly or braced for the crash. This scenario represents a preventable work-related vehicle incident caused by poor road-risk awareness.

Workers should always maintain a safe following distance, avoid distractions, and adjust speed based on traffic, weather, and road conditions. Defensive driving habits—such as scanning ahead, anticipating sudden stops, and staying off mobile

devices—dramatically reduce collision risks. Vehicles used for work should receive regular inspections to ensure brakes, tires, and safety systems are functioning. Consistent training and enforcing seatbelt use help prevent injuries when unexpected roadway hazards occur.