

Truck Safety

There has been one truck related death and a number accidents this year at ALMA. There is thus much greater attention on truck safety. We have agreed to the following:

a) There must always be at least two people in the truck and at the site. The truck must be equipped with a roll-over protection bar. In the truck must be:

*Two way radio for communication with the ALMA OSF

*Bottled Oxygen

*Fire extinguisher

*Spare tire, snow chains

*Emergency light

*Windshield scraper

*Cold weather clothes for everyone in the truck.

*Shovel and rope (or slings) for towing

b) To use ALMA roads, ACT personal must get in touch with the ALMA safety office. This may be done through email or by radio (Channel 1, see below). ALMA must be informed of fuel and other deliveries that come through the Pampalabola road.

c) Do not give hitch hikers rides on the Jama road, but of course assist anyone in need.

d) Extra care should be taken when dark. After dark, do not use the entrance/exit near km marker 45 on the Jama road. The exit/entrance near km 35 is preferable.

e) Do not exceed 60 km/hr on any dirt road.

f) If there is an accident contact ALMA immediately. They can be reached through Channel 1 on the radio or by cell phone. Stay with the truck until help arrives.

The following radio channels and/or telephone numbers are monitored at all times.

*First aid station - Paramedic / Ambulance on duty at number 55- 448 400,
or ALMA Radio Safety, Channel 1.

*Safety Officer on duty at number 55- 448 409 or 448 438
or ALMA Radio Safety, Channel 1.

*Safety Manager at number 55- 448 417

Emergency phone number: 02 4676 555

g) All ACT members are expected to be familiar with the Chajnantor Working Group Policies.

It can be found at http://www.physics.princeton.edu/act/CWG_policies.pdf