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Smash kills four of family

Five people, including four members of one family, were killed when a small car ploughed into an on-coming panel van on Saturday night.

The smash was at Pakenham, 35 miles east of Melbourne, at 6 p.m.

Mr. William Edwards, 45, a fitter and turner, his wife Nancy, 45, and their sons Alan, 17, an apprentice upholsterer and Wayne, 12, a school-boy, all of Kellaway Street, Maidstone, were in the panel van.

There are two older sisters in the family.

The driver of the other car, a GTR Torana, was Philip Richard Hall, 26, of Vincent Crescent, Noble Park.

Police said the Torana failed to take a sweeping bend on Princes High-way, two miles east of Pakenham, near Army Road.

It swung into the van after being caught in loose gravel.

All five people were killed instantly.

The vehicles came to rest about 60 yards apart, on the side of the roadway.

Senior Constable Peter Woodstock, of Pakenham, said the cars did not roll after impact, but spun to a halt.

"It was one of the worst accidents I have ever had the misfortune to see," he said.

The panel van — four dead.

The Torana — one dead.