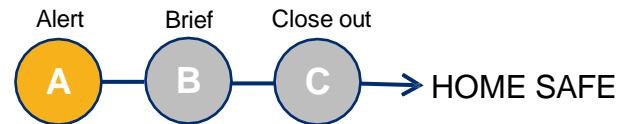


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## Cable Drum Incident



Date of incident	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025		Directorate	Customer Services.	
Region	Large connections delivery	Location	Yeovil	Classification	PTBW
What happened ?					
<p>A cable drum containing 4-core 300 Wavecon, weighing approximately 2 tons, became detached from a purpose-built cable drum trailer during a vehicle manoeuvre that involved mounting a pavement, rolling 40m down a sloped urban road. The drum caused damage to a garden wall and a parked car but, fortunately, no injuries occurred.</p> <p>Initial Investigations revealed the drum spindle bar had excessive lateral play due to an apparent mismatch with the trailer, potentially contributing to its detachment when the frame twisted as the vehicle mounted a curb. Additionally, the trailer's break-away cable was missing, and the under-run bar was absent, compromising safety.</p> <p>This incident underscores the importance of thorough pre-use equipment inspections and strict compliance with RAMS requirements while the investigation is ongoing.</p>					

Example of a cable drum trailer



Damaged garden wall



Route travelled by cable drum



Damage to 3<sup>rd</sup> party vehicle

