



WHEEL BECOMES DETACHED WHILE DRIVING ISUZU D-MAX MEWP

OVERVIEW

A wheel became detached from an Isuzu D-MAX MEWP while travelling on the A12. Indications are that the rear near side half shaft snapped causing the whole wheel and brake drum to become detached from the vehicle.



WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Conduct daily visual checks on the wheels to look for signs of overheating (wheel nut indicators melting, discolouration).
- Listen out for noises coming from the wheels while driving. If an unusual noise is heard, stop and call transport services for advice.
- Report any defects to Transport **0800 328 6484** who will arrange for further inspection and repair.

DETAIL

A contractor partner's Isuzu D-MAX MEWP vehicle was being driven along the A12 at Langham when the rear near side wheel became detached. The driver was able to control the vehicle and pulled over in to a slip road. No one was injured. The heat from the wheel/axle housing caused a small fire which was quickly extinguished.

Isuzu technical services have inspected the wheel and reported that this was an isolated incident and would not have been detectable during maintenance. The likely cause for the half shaft snapping is a wheel bearing seizure.

The driver of the vehicle is reported to have heard a noise from the wheel but continued driving the vehicle. An investigation is being undertaken, the conclusions of which will determine if further remedial action is required to the UKPN Isuzu fleet.

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