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## **SAFETY BULLETIN SB3/2018**

### **Vehicle Roll-Aways**

#### **Background**

In recent years the company has experienced a number of commercial vehicle roll-aways, the details of which have been communicated to staff through Transport Bulletins and Tool Box Briefings. This year we are aware of eight incidents to date and two members of staff have been injured following the latest event.

#### **Detail**

The latest incident involved a vehicle that had been left parked on an incline facing downhill towards a gateway. The two occupants had exited from the vehicle and were stood in the gateway when the vehicle moved forward in an un-controlled manner, collided with the gate and members of staff and came to rest when it collided with a tree.

#### **Actions**

All drivers are reminded of the potential risk to life or of significant injury, in addition to vehicle and third party property damage, in the event of an uncontrolled fully laden commercial vehicle rolling-away.

All drivers are reminded of the Highway Code regarding this topic (rule 252):

- Park close to the kerb and apply the handbrake firmly
- Select a forward gear and turn your steering wheel away from the kerb when facing uphill
- Select a reverse gear and turn your steering wheel towards the kerb when facing downhill
- Use the 'Park' position with automatic gearboxes

The transport industry also recommends that the handbrake button is not depressed when the handbrake is applied as this will ensure the ratchet engages more positively.

This bulletin is issued without prejudice to any investigation. It shall be personally briefed by line managers to all their staff who drive on company business and it shall be recorded as TBX84 in training records for all staff who attend the briefings.