



SAFE PARKING OF VEHICLES

On the 8th of July 2018, a parked SP Energy Networks vehicle was seen by a 3rd party to slowly move off and roll down a lane for about 15 metres while the SPEN staff responsible for the vehicle were working within a nearby substation.

The vehicle hit a wooden fence and a concrete bollard, fortunately there were no injuries but there was some damage to the vehicle and a customers property.

Clearly the potential existed for a more serious incident to have occurred and whilst this is under investigation to understand exactly what happened this Express has been issued to remind staff of the requirements to be followed when parking and leaving a vehicle on an incline.



Image of incline



Damage to van

Recommendations and action points

When parking on an incline, to prevent the vehicle running off, drivers should apply the following guidance which has been taken from the Highway Code:

- Park close to the kerb and apply the handbrake fully;
- Select a forward gear and turn the steering wheel away from the kerb when facing uphill;
- Select reverse gear and turn the steering wheel towards the kerb when facing downhill;
- Select Park function if the vehicle has an automatic gearbox;
- When parking vehicles with an electronic parking brake system, always check that the warning light is illuminated before leaving the vehicle
- If you are leaving the vehicle (unattended), remove the key from the ignition and ensure the vehicle is locked.

Further guidance on parking safely can also be obtained from the Owners manual which accompanies all new vehicles and is usually to be found in the glove compartment.