

FOR ISSUE TO ALL SSE

SHE ALERT

Vehicle rolled away across main road whilst parked to close gate after egress from site

What happened?

Company vehicle was parked outside main gate to Sloy power station whilst the driver locked the gate for the night. The vehicle was left with the engine running and the driver thought he had applied the handbrake. The unmanned vehicle rolled across the A82 coming to rest on the grass verge having impacted the crash barrier. Fortunately there were no injuries, no other vehicle was involved and, only superficial damage was caused to the vehicle which was driven from the scene. The potential outcome could have been impact with a fast moving third party vehicle, injuries and even fatalities.

At first glance the spot where the vehicle was parked appears fairly level but, there was still sufficient gradient for the vehicle to start moving.



What action is required?

Manager:

- Set clear expectations with regard to the use of the H.I.T. (Handbrake on, In gear, Turn wheel to kerb) process and awareness of the hazards of run-away vehicles.

Supervisor:

- Share learnings with your team and seek their opinions and feedback. Support, coach and involve team members in implementing safer behaviour. Refer to RS-SHE-112, Management of Road Risk and MA-SHE-112-001, Driver Safety Handbook.

Everyone:

- Be aware that a vehicle parked for a short time (e.g. when passing through a gate) is still parked and all normal procedures should be followed, i.e. turn off the engine and use H.I.T.
- Regularly check the operation of your vehicle’s handbrake.
- Vehicles can still roll away even where there is no obvious gradient.

Communication by (✓)	LSG	✓	Notice board	✓	Tool-box talk	✓	Team brief	✓
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