

# Alert

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## Ute trailer went off track on downhill track

### What happened?

- Ute towing a trailer lost control on wet downhill track.
- One side of the trailer went off the track.
- At some stage the brakes were left in the locked-out position.



Figure 1 Downer trailer loss of control



Figure 2 Trailer brake locked out.

### What did we learn?

The trailer brakes had been left in the locked-out position after a previous reverse manoeuvre.  
Management address staff outlining incident, key messages, and learnings.  
Crew Resource Management (CRM) communications to confirm trailer brakes are in the correct position.

Review these questions with your team at your next pre-start meeting.



**Stand  
in the  
gap**

How could this happen on your job?

What can you do to prevent it happening again?

How can you 'Stand in the Gap'?

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#### Useful Resources