

Safety Alert

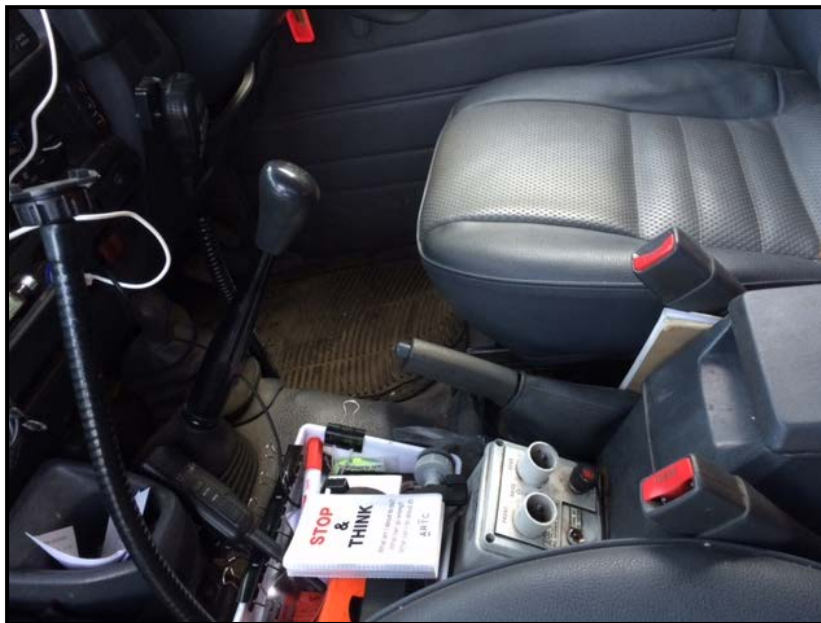
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Handbrakes in Hirails

Incident

This safety alert has been issued following an anonymous Near Miss report which described an event where the operator of a road-rail forgot to apply the handbrake prior to disembarking from the vehicle. The vehicle rolled towards a workgroup before the operator managed to apply the handbrake. The incident was discussed with the workgroup where it was noted that it was “not uncommon for the handbrake to be forgotten when all the occupants had exited the work vehicle.”

All are reminded to be extra vigilant both as the driver and passenger in a road-rail and to ensure that the handbrake is applied before any member of the workgroup exits the vehicle.



The Plant Department has advised that failsafe braking is programmed to be fitted to approximately one third of the road-rail fleet in the next financial year with the remainder to be fitted over the following two years.

For your action

1. Place Safety Alert on display and make copies of this alert available to people who report to you (without regular email access) and ensure that the contents of the safety alert are discussed/explained to your staff.
2. If engaging contractors, ensure they are made aware of current ARTC Safety Alerts.
3. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (eg via tool-box/safety meetings/morning briefings etc) to verify that the Safety Alert has been distributed and discussed.
4. If you have any safety concerns with this Safety Alert please speak directly to your supervisor.

Further information

- All Safety Alerts issued can be [found here](#).