



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

SAFETY ALERT



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Accessing / Egressing from vehicles

Incident:

This Safety Alert is issued to advise of an incident that occurred at one of our depots while an employee was accessing a Canter to commence duties for the day.

Details:

As the employee was attempting to gain access to the work vehicle he grabbed the handles on the outside of the vehicle to assist with his entry – as required to maintain 3 points of contact when performing such tasks – when the handle snapped causing the worker to fall backwards onto the concrete floor of the truck shed.

The worker sustained minor injuries from this event. The situation could have been much more significant had he been attempting this in the field.

Actions:

In light of this incident it is requested that all vehicles that require 3 points of contact to access should be inspected as soon as possible.

Look for any signs of fatigue with the handles and steps and replace them as soon as practical to try and avoid future occurrences of a similar nature.

Staff should be reminded of the importance of maintaining 3 points of contact when accessing and leaving a vehicle or structure that requires climbing and to assess the action each time prior to undertaking such tasks.

When plant is being checked as part of the regular inspection process please ensure that items such as handles and steps are included.



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