



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

SAFETY ALERT

ARTC NSW No. 54



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SECURING LOADS ON VEHICLES

An incident occurred this week, where an ARTC work truck, was towing a trailer. As the truck and trailer passed a vehicle (travelling in the opposite direction), the spare wheel on the trailer became detached and struck the passing vehicle.

Fortunately, no one was injured. The passing vehicle received extensive damage and the vehicle airbags were activated.

Police were called to the scene of the incident and an investigation has taken place.

In the past we have had various reports of objects, coming off ARTC vehicles whilst being driven on public roads.

This incident highlights the need to ensure that all loads including spare wheels are properly secured and fastened on ARTC vehicles.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- Discuss with employees under your control the contents of this Safety Alert
- Employees responsible for driving ARTC vehicles, are to ensure that loads on these vehicles are properly secured and pose no threat while being driven on public roads (also including access roads in the rail corridor)
- Ensure a “sign-off” (for example, a Team Safety Meeting record) is obtained to verify that employees have been briefed on this Safety Alert