

SAFETY ALERT

Security of Cone Well Covers



We recently experienced an incident where an operative fell into a cone well whilst loading a stationary IPV, resulting in bruising and minor ligament damage. When the operative accessed the vehicle he believed that the well cover was in place and correctly secured. On investigation it appears that the well cover supports were not correctly located in their retaining slots. The cone well cover was therefore not correctly secured & subsequently dropped into the cone well.

- **Ensure you are familiar with the operation of coning wells and covers prior to commencing work. Remember that different vehicles have different systems fitted.**
- **When working on the bed of a vehicle, loading or unloading vehicles, ensure that well covers are in place and correctly secured.**
- **If you need to remove a cone well cover to access the bed of a vehicle via the cone well, ensure it is replaced correctly prior to commencing work on the bed of the vehicle.**
- **Cone well covers should only be removed for significant periods of time when the cone well is in use for dropping out or picking up cones.**
- **Always use the dedicated, safe access/egress points when accessing or exiting a vehicle.**

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