



# Safety Alert

## Vehicle Uncontrolled Movement

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**Kier WSP Joint Venture**

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### What's happened

At approximately 11:20 on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020, a resurfacing scheme in Rushden was on its final day of installing surface course. During this process an asphalt delivery driver manoeuvred himself into the designated holding point in order to distribute the load into the paver.

Upon positioning his vehicle the driver exited the cab to secure his mud flaps. During this activity the vehicle rolled forward causing it to mount the footway and make contact with the fence of a resident's rear garden. There were no injuries as a result of this incident but damage was sustained to the residents fencing.

### Investigation findings

- Handbrake had not been applied by the driver prior to exiting the vehicle
- The engine was left running when exiting the vehicle which bypassed the warning alarm highlighting that the handbrake had not been applied
- Post Inspection of the vehicle found that there were no mechanical or electrical faults
- The driver was found to have the necessary driving qualifications and training however, had failed to operate his vehicle in accordance with company policy
- Although there was a suitable risk assessment and site plan in place for the activity, the delivery driver had not received an adequate induction prior to entering site

### Actions required to prevent reoccurrence

- Driver retrained in all aspects of his role including securing vehicles (MPQC & DFAP Training)
- All vehicles to be replaced with automatic handbrake system currently being reviewed
- New site specific delivery drivers induction to be rolled out
- Control the Roll - When parking always turn your steering away from the kerb when facing uphill and towards the kerb when facing downhill. Also reverse park wherever possible
- Always turn off the ignition and remove keys when exiting the vehicle
- Ensure that a suitable site plan is in place managing all plant movements including deliveries, reversing, parking areas and hold points. This information must be briefed out to everyone on site and managed by the designated site controller
- Consider, through risk assessing, creating exclusion zones around vehicle hold points to prevent unauthorized access to these areas.
- Inductions, policies and all site activities must be monitored by supervisors and managers for compliance.