

HiPo - Fatal 1 - TRANSPORT - Driver's hand trapped in tailgate

WHAT HAPPENED

A driver's hand was trapped in the tailgate of his belt trailer when cleaning down build up after discharging the load. He was still holding the remote-control unit for the trailer which also was trapped. The images show a reconstruction and the bruising to the driver's hand.



KEY FINDINGS

Cause -The driver unintentionally pressed, and held, the tailgate close button while cleaning down.

Reaction -The driver had felt the tailgate hit the back of his safety helmet and instinctively moved his head away from being trapped by the tailgate.

First Aid - Bruising of the hand was the only injury. The driver returned to work the next day.

Safe Systems of Work - The driver failed to isolate the remote control prior to approaching the vehicle.

Training - The driver has held his class 1 license since 2021, has a valid MP Connect card, valid site induction and recently completed his Zero4Life for Drivers training.

PPE - Full PPE was worn, including gloves, which reduced the potential for injury.

Improvement - The delivery occurred early in the morning when low light levels made it difficult to see clearly into the trailer despite the driver having a head torch.

HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED

- Isolating the remote control would have prevented the tailgate moving.

KEY REVIEW POINTS

- SSOW modified to make it clearer that the remote must be isolated.
- Retraining of drivers in the SSOW change.
- Improved lighting in the area.



LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

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