

## Truck and Trailer Roll Aways

We have recently experienced a truck and trailer roll away although very luckily there were no injuries or damages caused.

Opposite are two links to HSE articles which relate to fines applied to two companies which also had roll aways resulting in life changing injuries to the two employees concerned.

Quotation from the January article –

“HSE’s investigation revealed that the company had failed to assess the risks associated with parking on uneven or sloping ground and, as a result, had not identified and implemented practicable controls or safeguards such as the use of wheel chocks and audible handbrake alarm”.

**When considering risk and control to avoid vehicle roll away, we already know the importance of applying trailer park brakes and the use of an audible hand brake alarm within the tractor unit.**

**However, it is equally important not to overlook slopes and gradients in yards and trailer parks.**

### Health and Safety Executive HSE

#### Transport firm fined £500,000 after Hull worker crushed between two lorries

Date:

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A Cheshire-based transport company has been fined £500,000 after an Hull employee suffered horrific injuries when she was crushed between two lorries.

Warwick Crown Court heard (18 Mar) that Jennifer Rose was lucky to be alive after the incident at Tip Trailer Services' Griff Lane depot in Nuneaton on 9 April 2013.

Mrs Rose, 38, who now lives in Hull, broke 13 bones in her back, shoulders and ribs, and punctured a lung. The incident left her with severe head injuries, impaired vision and she required a tracheotomy. She suffered a cardiac arrest and was in intensive care for ten days.

Mrs Rose, who has a young son, needed to wear a body brace for four months and was confined to a wheelchair for some months although has since regained some mobility. She still requires weekly physiotherapy.

A Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigation found Mrs Rose was acting as a bankman, assisting a lorry driver to reverse park on a slope, at the time of the incident. The driver decoupled his trailer without engaging its parking brake, causing it to roll back and trap her between the two vehicles.

The investigation found TIP Trailer Services regularly allowed vehicles to park on a slope without the provision of chocks or similar devices. The company had no monitoring system to check whether drivers were applying their handbrakes properly.

The slope ended on a public road, so the risks were not just to pedestrians on site but also to passing pedestrians and drivers.

TIP Europa Ltd, of Market Street, Atrincham, Cheshire, trading as Tip Trailer Services, pleaded guilty to two breaches of Sections 2 and 3 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, and was fined a total of £500,000 and ordered to pay a further £56,938 in costs.

<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2015/transport-firm-fined-500000-after-hull-worker-crushed-b...> 01/04/2015

<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2015/transport-firm-fined-500000-after-hull-worker-crushed-between-two-lorries/?ebul=hsegen&cr=3/23-mar-15>

<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2015/dhl-in-court-after-employee-suffered-life-changing-injuries/?ebul=hsegen&cr=3/19-jan-15>

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**Truck and Trailer Roll Away**

**What Happened:**  
Whilst collecting a loaded trailer from the trailer park, the driver realises the **Trailer Park Brake** is still **ON**.  
Driver has jumped out of cab and **not applied** unit **Handbrake**.  
On releasing the **Trailer Park Brake** the Truck and Trailer have started to move.  
Driver has run back to his cab, round the front of the unit, to apply handbrake.  
**There were no injuries.**



**Findings:**

- The vehicle handbrake automatically applies when engine is switched off.
- Vehicle was fitted with audible alarm which operates if handbrake is off and door is opened.
- Driver has not acted on the audible handbrake alarm.

**Recommendations: Drivers and hauliers should:**

- When purchasing new tractor units, it is recommended to specify a unique sounding and suitably loud handbrake alarm.
- Remind all drivers that when any audible alarm is sounding they must check the cause before exiting the cab.
- Brief drivers on the incident and importance of taking 2 minutes to review situation before reacting and breaking their routine.
- On releasing the Trailer Park Brake **“PAUSE”** check for any unexpected movement, if movement observed RE-APPLY the Trailer Park Brake.

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