

# Safety Alert

## Lincoln Eastern Bypass

### Runaway 4x4

**Runaway plant and vehicles are a significant risk on all construction sites. A recent incident has identified potential issues with not ensuring handbrakes are fully engaged and other precautions not being taken before exiting vehicles.**

On Friday 28th September, a foreman working as a sub-contractor on the Lincoln Eastern Bypass stopped on site to inspect works. It is unclear at this point of the investigation to what extent the handbrake had been applied and subsequently the vehicle started to roll away. The 4x4 rolled down a slope gaining speed for approximately 50m before crashing through a hedge and coming to rest beside the public highway. A passing motorist had spotted the errant course of the unmanned 4x4 and had taken action to slow down and avoid any potential collision. The driver of the 4x4 sustained a twisted knee while chasing his vehicle which also sustained damage. There were no other injuries or damage.



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## Key learning point

**When parking and exiting vehicles ensure ignition is switched off, handbrakes are fully engaged and the vehicles are left in gear, consider the gradient and park in such a manner as to prevent any potential runaways**

**Review all site locations and ensure adequate protection is in place where there is a risk of collision from runaway plant.**

1. If you are the driver of a vehicle, it is your responsibility to ensure:
  - a) You have been authorised to do so.
  - b) The key learning points identified above are strictly adhered to.
  - c) The vehicle is clean and fit for purpose.
2. It is a requirement under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations and also part of our BMS, that a daily and weekly inspection is undertaken.
3. All defects must be reported to your immediate supervisor or line manager immediately to allow remedial repair works to be undertaken before the vehicle can be used again.
4. All drivers should be familiar with the Galliford Try drivers guide.

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### **Actions Required:**

1. Please ensure all personnel are fully briefed and informed on the GT drivers guide requirements.
2. Ensure daily and weekly vehicle inspection forms are being completed.