

SAFETY ALERT

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Eurovia Specialist Treatments – Tanker Incident

Date: 21 September 2016
Time: 14:00hrs
Division: Eurovia Specialist Treatments
Location: Bryony Way, Swindon

Micro surfacing operations were being carried out on Bryony Way in Swindon. The driver of the tanker had gone to move the vehicle to the applicator to load it with bitumen.

The trailer brake was still on and the driver was unable to move the vehicle. As he proceeded to get out of the cab and disengage the trailer brake to move the vehicle, the handbrake had not been applied in the cab so as soon the driver got out of the vehicle it began to move forward, down the hill. The vehicle travelled approx. 25 meters before colliding with two parked cars. The 3 vehicles continued for further 25 meters before the driver managed to get into the cab and reapply the handbrake which brought the vehicles to a halt.

Q1 This is not the first incident of this kind. Ensuring a vehicle is safe and secure when parked is an absolute basic requirement. How are we going to communicate to our drivers this critical message and guarantee that it will not happen again?

Q2 As we undertake safety tours and site visits over the coming months we need to focus and evidence that checks are being made on the security of vehicles. This is in relation to keys being left in the ignition, the parking arrangement for the vehicle and any additional equipment such as trailer are secure.

Q3 Finally, a runaway vehicle does not have a conscience. Ask yourself how and where would we start to come to terms with ourselves if a vehicle such as this had hit and killed someone? We must make sure that this is the final time that such an incident occurs anywhere across our business.



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