

# SAFETY ALERT

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## Ringway North Yorkshire Gritter overturning Incident

**Date:** 18 February 2016

**Time:** 08.05hrs

**Division:** Ringway North Yorkshire

**Location:** Oulston, North Yorkshire

A gritter driver arrived at Thirsk depot at 04:30 for his gritting shift at 05:00. He had been on a secondary route for approx. 90 minutes.

As he approached Crayke Lane, he turned right on the road into Oulston. At this point the gritter spun 180 degrees on the thick ice on the road. Although the driver tried to control the spin the gritter rolled over onto its side into an adjacent ditch, damaging the hedgerow and into a field causing significant damage to the vehicle.

Fortunately the driver of the vehicle was unharmed and there were no other vehicles involved in the incident.

A full investigation is currently underway into what could have been a much more serious incident. In addition to the investigation, a pilot training course will be carried out in March which will include skidpan training. This addition to our VigiRoute road risk management approach will help to give our high risk drivers the additional skills needed to deal with situations such as driving vehicles in icy conditions.

The findings of the investigation and the outcome of the pilot course will be circulated as soon as possible.



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