

SAFETY ALERT



INCIDENT	Safety Incident – Actual Level 1, Potential Level 4
SUBJECT	Truck rolling backwards
INCIDENT DATE	15 January 2020
BUSINESS UNIT	BPC Wellington – Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines

WHAT HAPPENED?

A truck driver arrived to deliver a waste skip to a worksite located on Hargreaves Street. The street has an incline of approximately 15 degrees.

He drove into site with the truck facing uphill. To place the bin in the required location he had to reverse into a position adjacent to a second, stationary truck which was doing hydro excavation work. The truck was positioned at an angle to the stationary truck. The driver stopped the truck and applied the park break.

The driver got out of his truck and walked towards our foreman and spotter. While the three of them were talking of were to position the bin exactly, our foreman noticed the truck started rolling backwards and notified the driver.

The driver had left his door open. As soon as the truck started rolling, the driver attempted to hop back into his truck to stop it. He was unsuccessful and as the two trucks collided, the open door collected the driver and wedged him between the stationary truck and his truck.

The truck came to a stop and our foreman had to pull back the truck door to free the driver.

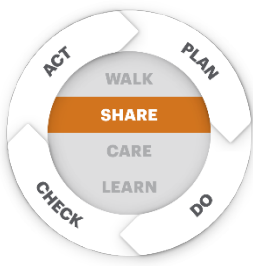
The driver was not injured and there was some minor damage to the stationary truck.

WHAT ACTION HAS TAKEN PLACE ALREADY?

- A BPC worker applied the emergency stop button on the stationary truck (hydro excavation truck) as it was operational at the time.
- The BPC foreman assisted the driver of the waste truck out from between the trucks into a safe position.
- Due to the steep incline on Hargreaves street it was considered that the weight of the waste truck on the secondary truck could result in further incident, so the waste truck was driven forward.
- The scene of the incident was not frozen and the truck driver lowered the skip into position and left site (against the foreman's instruction).
- H&S Advisor and H&S Manager were notified.
- Formal investigation has commenced.
- The waste company was contacted to discuss the incident and requested that the driver undergo a post drug and alcohol test.
- Civil Works Manager to visit the waste company to discuss incident and inspect truck.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL OF US (pre-investigation)

- Make sure you freeze the scene and take plenty of photos.
- Consider locations for unloading materials especially on steep roads.
- Ensure Chocks are in place when parked on a hill.



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