

Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Failure to lock out vehicle

After completing a service on a Ute while on the hoist in the workshop, an apprentice lowered the hoist and parked the Ute outside.

Upon returning to his workbench, the apprentice observed that he hadn't refitted the bash plate. He went out to the forecourt and proceeded to fit the bash plate, getting under the front of the Ute and bolting the plate into place.

The Ute was not locked out, or fundamentally stable and the keys were still in the ignition, putting the apprentice in extreme danger.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 4 years to Dec 2021 shows 30% (1353) of all incidents involve vehicles, with 618 incidents resulting from loss of control of a vehicle.

You need to ensure that:

1. When working on vehicles, the keys are removed, the vehicle is fundamentally stable, and a lockout tag or steering wheel cover are used to indicate that the vehicle must not be moved.
2. All workers are trained and competent in the site lockout/tagout system.
3. Adequate supervision is available to ensure tasks are conducted safely.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.