



Learning Event



DRIVING

HAZARD

Physical
(moving object – vehicle)

**Person in
Line of Fire**

CONSEQUENCES

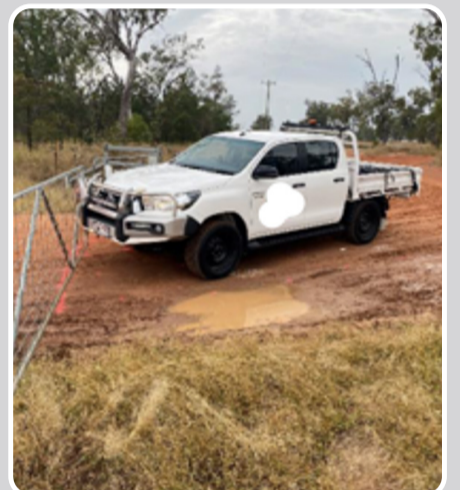
Actual: First aid
Potential: This could have caused a fatality

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREVENT LINE OF FIRE INCIDENTS CAUSED BY STATIONARY VEHICLES ROLLING AWAY OR MOVING UNINTENTIONALLY?

What Happened?

A worker was driving a light vehicle to conduct scheduled inspections and maintenance when they decided to inspect an additional well that wasn't planned for this particular day. The worker stopped the vehicle at the property entrance gate and got out of the vehicle to unlock the gate.

The vehicle rolled forward, pinning the worker against the gate. The worker was unable to free themselves. A passing Contractor noticed the situation, offered assistance and reversed the vehicle away from the gate. The worker was transported to a paramedic for a check-up and treated for minor bruising.



Position of light vehicle during re-enactment.

Why did it Happen?

- The worker exited the vehicle to open the property access gate without placing the vehicle's transmission into 'Park' and without effectively applying the handbrake.

IOGP Life-Saving Rules

- ✓ Understand and use safety critical equipment and procedures which apply to the task.
- ✓ Be positioned to avoid moving vehicles.



What did they Learn?

- Investigate the viability of fitting Light Vehicles with an audible door alarm when the vehicle transmission isn't in "Park" (for automatics) and when the handbrake isn't engaged (manuals and automatics).
- When travelling alone, drivers should wear a lone worker device, or carry a radio, when exiting the vehicle – even when just leaving the vehicle to open a gate.

Ask yourself or your Crew:

- Do you travel alone in a vehicle when you're working in the field?
- How many gates would you open and close during a typical work-day?
- What controls do you have in place to manage vehicle immobilisation risks? Do you rely solely on drivers remembering to apply their vehicle's handbrake?
- When conducting highly repetitive routine tasks, how do you prevent yourself becoming complacent?
- When did you and your work mates last have a conversation about the potential dangers of hurrying to "get the job done"?

Further information:

Workplace Health and Safety
Queensland (WHSQ) - Safely
immobilising vehicles campaign



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