

Trailer Handbrake

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Applicable to	Operational Drivers

A near miss occurred when a trailer carrying a tracked MEWP rolled forwards uncontrolled for approximately five metres whilst parked in the yard at Whitebirk depot. Upon investigation, it was identified that the trailer handbrake had not been applied. Although the trailer only rolled for a short distance the potential severity could have resulted in serious injury.



Drivers are responsible for the roadworthiness of your vehicle and trailer and for ensuring it is left in a safe condition after use.

Key Points to remember:

- When leaving a vehicle or trailer unattended ensure you have fully deployed the parking brake, ensuring that it has fully engaged.
- If possible park on level ground.
- Where parking on level ground is not possible, ensure trailer wheel chocks are utilised.
- Wheel chocks **MUST** be used where the trailer is **NOT** parked on level ground.
- Further guidance on the driver responsibilities can be found in the company drivers handbook, link below:
<http://enwls-sharepoint/sites/thevolt/Shared%20Documents/Drivers%20Handbook%20commercial%202015.pdf>

