

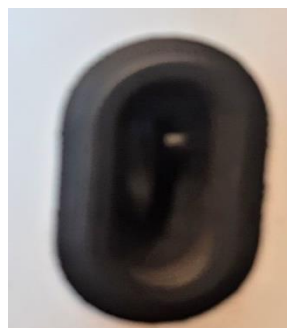
Vehicle Child Locks

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Applicable to	All colleagues and contractors

A recent incident was reported where a colleague was accidentally locked into the back of Vauxhall Movano 3.5t panel van for a period of thirty minutes in extremely hot weather conditions.

The driver entered the rear of the vehicle to collect tools and equipment. The side loading door inadvertently closed behind him, and the door could not be re-opened from the inside due to the child locking mechanism being activated. The vehicle rear doors were also fitted with 'slam locks' which were also activated, leaving the driver unable to exit the vehicle, and as such he had to wait for assistance to open the vehicle doors enabling him to exit the vehicle.

The side loading door of the vehicle, has a 'child lock' fitted. This is activated via a small switch on the edge of the door that is only accessible when the door is open. The mechanism is locked when the switch is down.



DO:

- ✓ Check if your vehicle has this type of locking feature installed, and ensure the system is deactivated.
- ✓ Ensure that the switch is in the upright position on the vehicle and always consider your means of escape whenever you enter a vehicle.
- ✓ Transport Services are creating a safety recall on all Movano panel vans in the fleet, to permanently deactivate this device, to ensure that this cannot happen again, but this will take some time to complete.

