

Reporting Equipment Defects

What Happened:

A driver has been injured because they didn't follow the correct procedure when they found a defect on a trailer.

Trailer board was used to try to lever the door into correct position for closing.



Findings:

The driver had noticed that when closing the back doors of the trailer that the right hand door had dropped slightly, which prevented the locking mechanism engaging at the top. Instead of reporting the defect, as per defect reporting procedures, the driver tried to lever the door into position with a trailer board. By incorrectly using the board it resulted in causing injury to the driver.

Actions:

1. All drivers are to check all equipment and report all defects to their Managers or P&O immediately as per the Defect Reporting Procedure.
2. Do not leave faults and defects for the next driver as this could result in an injury to themselves or others.
3. Driver ARE NOT to attempt to effect repairs themselves as this could result in injury to themselves or others.

This is the second recent incident where a driver has failed to report a defect, and on attempting to rectify the defect themselves, it has resulted in an injury to the driver.

DON'T BE A STATISTIC – IF IT'S DEFECTIVE, REPORT IT