

HSE WARNING TO HGV DRIVERS AND HAULIERS

Hand brake alarms on truck units

Many vehicles are fitted with visual and audible parking brake warning alarms as standard, however there will still be a number of older vehicles in circulation which do not have them fitted. Time and cost have been barriers to having hand brake alarms retro fitted.

However, following another recent Runaway incident and subsequent Court case and prosecution, **hauliers need to seriously consider retrofitting them to their tractor units as the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) UK considers it reasonably practicable to do so!**

A further warning for Drivers...

In previous cases, we have seen the Company fined for breaches to the Health and Safety at Work Act. In this instance, **the driver of the HGV was given a suspended prison sentence.** He pleaded guilty to causing death by careless driving and a breach of section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act

See below link for further details:

<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2016/death-of-road-worker-prompts-hse-warning-to-hgv-drivers/?eban=govdel-press-release&cr=24-May-2016>

