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# Truck roll away

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## Incident overview

A 51-year-old man was crushed by his truck in Marsden Park when it rolled down a slope as he was fitting a dog-trailer to it. It's the second serious truck roll away incident in NSW in the past seven months.



Photograph 1: The resting place of the truck.

## The investigation

- SafeWork NSW inspectors responded to the incident.
- SafeWork NSW commenced an investigation to determine the cause and circumstances of the incident.

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## Safety information

Businesses are reminded of their duty to identify hazards and manage risks to health and safety in accordance with the provisions of the [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#) and [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017](#).

Businesses must implement 'reasonably practicable' control measures to manage the risks associated with uncontrolled movements (e.g. roll-aways) of vehicles, including cars, trucks, buses, vans, forklifts, tractors, mobile cranes and the like.

Make sure you:

- park the vehicle on level ground, or be aware of the limitations of the vehicle and what to do when parking on a gradient
- apply the parking brake when you get out of the vehicle
- have the vehicle inspected and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations
- know the limitations of the braking system and what may cause the brakes to release
- consider installing seat-sensor interlocked brakes, a fail-safe braking system or anything that will prevent uncontrolled movements of the vehicle
- install an alarm system, or implement operating procedures or other low-level controls if you can't use engineering controls
- when acquiring vehicles, consider options that eliminate or minimise the risk of uncontrolled movements
- develop site-specific parking locations and procedures in consultation with workers
- train your workers
- monitor and review control measures.

## Further information

You can also refer to the following guidance materials:

- [Code of practice for managing the risks of plant in the workplace](#)
- [Working with or around mobile plant safety alert](#)
- [Uncontrolled movement of vehicles safety alert](#)