

# SAFETY ALERT

## Runaway Trucks

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A runaway truck will cause a fatality.

Recently at a grain site, a driver new to his truck, did not apply the handbrake and the truck moved 135 metres, crossing a public road and narrowly missing a power pole.

At another silo complex a truck had faulty brakes. The driver while working on the brakes, on site, had the truck move. The driver ran around the moving truck to access the cabin and stop it, narrowly avoiding injury.

### Key Messages

Safety needs to be your primary focus, especially during very busy periods such as the grain harvest.

- Make sure your truck's brakes are in good working order.
- Apply your park brake at all times prior to leaving the truck cabin.
- Ensure you and anyone who drives your truck knows how to operate it safely.
- Be aware of your surrounds, particularly around traffic.
- If you see a moving vehicle without a driver – warn others.
- Do not chase a moving vehicle.
- If you need to take the brake off to tip your truck, you must agree a safe procedure with site staff.

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