

HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

Important safety information to share with our colleagues and contract partners

Distractions while Driving

Why are we sending this alert out?

A recent incident occurred near a slow sand filter when a drinks container inside a vehicle cab was knocked over. The driver reached down to retrieve it, causing a momentary loss of focus. As a result, the vehicle swerved and struck a green kiosk. If the kiosk had not been there, the vehicle could have ended up in the slow sand filter, leading to potentially serious consequences.



What could happen?

When rubbish and loose objects are left in the cab of a vehicle, they can create significant risks:

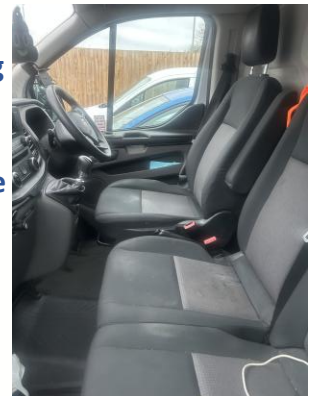
- Items may roll around and interfere with brake or accelerator pedals, affecting vehicle control.
- Loose objects can distract the driver, causing them to swerve.



How do we prevent it happening again?

To prevent distractions and accidents:

- Remove all rubbish and loose objects from your cab before driving.
- Use cup holders for drinks—never leave them free-standing or rolling around the footwell.
- Secure bags and rucksacks to prevent them from falling over.
- Pre-drive check: Before leaving home or starting your journey, ensure your cab area is clear of potential distractions and objects that could move during travel.
- Ensure all required vehicle checks are completed.



Remember:

A tidy cab means a safer journey!

