

# Safety Alert

## Damaged Impact Protection Vehicle Cone Well Cover

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## Damaged IPV Cone Well Cover

### Incident Summary:



An TM operative working on an IPV suffered an injury to his ribs when the cone well he was standing on dropped into the cone well.

Inspection of the cone well cover found that it was bent in the middle, most likely caused by a forklift when loading and unloading the vehicle with equipment.

The bend in the cover had the effect of increasing the gap between the cone well cover securing pins and socket in which they sit when the cone well is in place.

As the operative was working on the cone well, the securing pin became free of the socket causing the cone well cover to drop.

The defect had not been reported whilst conducting pre-use checks or periodic vehicle inspections carried out by third party maintenance companies.

The vehicle involved was 3 years old and is in generally good condition.

### Learning Points:

- ✓ Review how vehicles are loaded and unloaded by mechanical handling equipment and if loading and unloading can take place away from cone well areas on the vehicle bed.
- ✓ Vehicle Pre-use checks must include a thorough inspection of the cone well covers to ensure they are fit for purpose and safe for use.
- ✓ Any defects involving bent/damaged coning well covers must render the vehicle “out of service” and be reported immediately for repairs to be made.