

Subject: "FIRE" Back of Crew Cab vehicle

What's Happened?

Body of Crew Cab Vehicle was engulfed in flames causing substantial damage. Fortunately no one was hurt but the consequences could have been of a serious nature.

How Did It Happen?

Using naked flame and petrol to burn off residue tarmac on tools on the back of the vehicle. The fire was initially extinguished by five fire extinguishers but due to additional fuel on the rear of the vehicle (diesel) which was stored in a 5 gallon plastic container, an additional fire started caused the damage.

The incorrect vehicle was used and diesel was spread across the body to prevent the coating of the raw material sticking to the body of the vehicle.

These two issues alone, although common practices, within the industry, are not safe practices and MUST be stopped immediately.

Recommendations and Lessons to be Learnt:

Further recommendations will be forwarded after the investigation has been completed.

However ensure:

- That on no account must diesel or petrol be used for the cleaning of tools.
- The correct method is to pre heat tools in a specialist pre heat box or alternatively to use an industrial cleaning spray.
- Crew Cabs MUST not be used to carry hot lay materials, the body of the vehicle must be insulated.
- Operatives MUST hold the correct accreditation for hot lay materials.
- All fuels must be stored in the approved metal containers and not in plastic containers



Body of Vehicle

Smashed window due to the heat of the fire



Remember, common practice doesn't always mean good practice

