

APPLY TRAILER PARK BRAKES

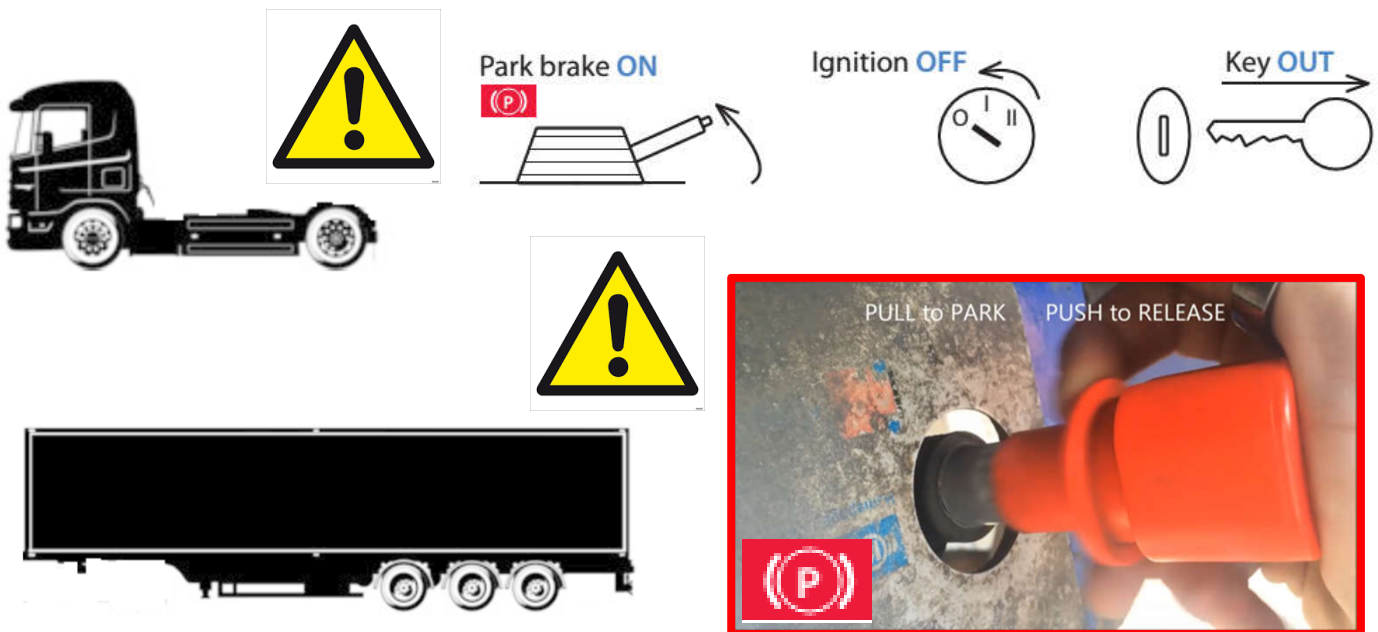
What Happening

We are seeing an increase in Trailer Park brakes NOT being applied at sites.

Luckily! there have been no injuries, SO FAR!

Findings:

- Drivers are **not** checking the trailer park brake had been applied as part of their pre-coupling/ uncoupling checks. When collecting and dropping trailers.
- Drivers are **forgetting** to apply the truck handbrake increasing the risk of Truck and Trailer Rollways.



Recommendations:

- ✓ Before exiting the tractor unit, **the driver must always apply the tractor unit park brake** , **switch of the engine and remove the ignition keys.**
- ✓ **Tractor units should be fitted with audible alarms** to warn the driver that the tractor unit park brake has not been applied when exiting the cab. The alarm must operate regardless of ignition key state
- ✓ **Trailer park brakes must be applied on all uncoupled trailers.** Disconnecting the red air line does not automatically engage the trailer park brake! The trailer park brake **must be activated separately by pulling it on!**

Further guidance on safe coupling and uncoupling of vehicles is available at

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/workplacetransport/information/coupling.htm>