

# Urgent Safety Advice 01/2018: Checking that tram doors are safe before departing from tram stops

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## 1. Safety issue

Thin objects can remain trapped in tram doors after door interlock has been obtained and trams can then be driven away from a stop. Preventing objects and people being dragged in such circumstances depends on a visual check of the outside of the tram before it departs.

## 2. Safety advice

Tram operators should take urgent steps to confirm or ensure that tram drivers:

- perform a thorough check after obtaining door interlock and before moving the tram to confirm that nothing outside the tram is trapped in the doors;
- do not place sole reliance on the door interlock system when deciding whether anything outside the tram is trapped in the doors; and
- are provided with the means to achieve the above.

## 3. Issued to:

- UK tram operators

## 4. Background

At about 13:29 hrs on Friday 15 December 2017, an empty pushchair was dragged on the outside of a tram from Radford Road to Hyson Green Market tram stops after its plastic rain guard became trapped in the tram's closed doors. Nobody was injured during the incident.