

### Incident description:

An incident occurred recently within a CPS depot - an operative was unloading a vehicle and the safety hand railing gave way. Fortunately there was no injury.

### Investigation/findings:

Possible cause: The handrail was connected to the wooden floor of the vehicle and this has degraded over time.

Some of our current fleet will be replaced in the future as they are now reaching the end of their lease.

During vehicle checks over the next few months please pay additional attention to other safety features not listed on the daily check sheet –

For example – (but not limited to)

- Hand rail systems
- Any associated fittings
- Under slung and bed toolboxes
- Doors and roller shutters
- Hinges on tail gates etc
- Condition of bed (trip hazards)
- Any other equipment associated with the vehicle or its operation

Please report any issues to your supervisor and raise Don't Walk By's

### Actions:

- Please display on H&S notice boards until 31 January 2016.
- Brief all relevant staff



### Further Information:

For more information about this incident please contact Liz Brathwaite – Health & Safety on 07710 395454  
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