

SAFETY BULLETIN

Safety Bulletin No.	2021 06	Date Issued	2021 05 05
Subject	Rental Car safety		
Area of Concern	Checking odometer reading outside vehicle		
Issued By	Steve Caldwell (ADG Health & Safety Manager - 0402 782 375)		

Introduction

Recently a rental car operator suffered injuries to his knees when he was dragged by a vehicle when checking the odometer. As is normal protocol the worker was standing outside the vehicle & turned the ignition on so as he could read the odometer figures. The vehicle was a manual 4WD and was in 2nd gear at the time. The vehicle then took off, mounted the kerb, and caused extensive damage to the fence (photo refers) as well as the personal injury.



Lessons learnt

When checking the odometer reading on a vehicle from outside the vehicle you must ensure the vehicle is in neutral or park, with the hand brake on. This is particularly important on manual vehicles as they will move creating a hazard for the operator and other people in the vicinity. (*Consideration should be given to sitting in the driver's seat when checking the odometer in manual vehicles with the foot brake & clutch depressed before starting the ignition.*)



1. CHECK VEHICLE in NEUTRAL or PARK



2. HAND BRAKE ON



3. TURN IGNITION

This accident is a timely reminder to all operators to take these 3 simple steps before checking the odometer readings.

THINK SAFELY, ACT SAFELY