

Task/Operation:	Use of trailers		
Group(s) affected:	DCS staff, volunteers, public site users.		
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Reviews			
Next Review Required	Date actually reviewed	Changes Required? (Yes/No)	Assessor Signature
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Hazard	Resultant effect(s)	Before control			State control measures and person responsible to action each one	After control		
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Driver without skills or confidence in Service vehicle use requirements	Poor driving / operation leading to potential for accident and subsequent injury.	2	3	6	Line manager to check driving licence and appraise confidence and skills at induction. Training required to be provided at standard assessed by line manager in :- Driving standard, Loading safely, Fleet maintenance checks, Breakdown procedures. Use of trailers. Off road use, should only be by a person trained to appropriate standard.	1	3	3
Driver with out skills in carrying passengers	Poor driving, operation leading to accident.	2	3	6	Drivers carrying more than 4 passengers must undertake a Minibus test and have a pre 1997 licence or category D1 and D included on licence. Transportation of children must only be in forward facing seats with shoulder seat belts. No persons to ride in trailer.	1	3	3

**Environmental Services Department
 General Risk Assessment Record**

Reference: CSGRA19

Unsafe loading of vehicle and trailer	Loss of vehicle control, loss of load, injury to all in proximity. Fall injury Manual handling injury from strops etc.	2	3	6	Risk assessment to be read in conjunction with Code of Practice. Only persons to use trailers are those with Driving licence pre-dating 1997 or those with category B+E or C1 +E added to licence. Operators must be trained in use of trailer and have two persons present, also operator to have safe loading and lashing training. Trained operators to supervise loading tasks. Roof loading not to be done using ladders. No standing on vehicle roof or bodywork. Loading and lashing ropes and ratches to be inspected prior to loading and on completion, damaged ones to be removed from service. Use of loading ramp to be made when appropriate. Break cable to be fitted. Vehicle to be roadworthy and have correct lighting board. Drivers to assume responsibility for accepting safe standard of vehicle prior to use. Line managers to regularly review safety checks. Faults to be recorded in defects book.	1	3	3
Vehicle or trailer in unsafe condition	Breakdown, accident, loss of load, potential to lead to injury.	2	3	6	Impervious gloves to be worn, position body out of line of fuel line.. Do not smoke, use naked flames or mobile phones. Appropriate gloves to be used for hitching and handling procedures. Trailer use operations to involve two people.	1	3	3
Vehicle refuelling and maintenance	Chemical splashes	2	1	2	Vehicle to be stored in locked compound. Check indicator arrows are in place prior to use. Store on flat ground. Apply handbrake and chock wheels.	1	1	1
Handling injuries via trailer hitching and use	Crush injury to hands, strain injury to body	2	2	4	Vehicle to be stored in locked compound. Check indicator arrows are in place prior to use. Store on flat ground. Apply handbrake and chock wheels.	1	2	2
Storage of Trailer	Risk of deterioration in condition, and resulting risks	2	3	6	Vehicle to be stored in locked compound. Check indicator arrows are in place prior to use. Store on flat ground. Apply handbrake and chock wheels.	1	3	3

