

Q.S.P. SAFETY ALERT #2009/04

Loose Items in Vehicle Passenger Compartments

What happened: During several recent vehicle rollovers it has been observed that the fire extinguisher has detached from its mounting bracket and has fallen from the passenger side of the cab down to the driver's position. Obviously had the extinguisher, which weighs around 10kg, fallen onto the driver it would have caused quite severe injuries.

Other loose items such as jacks, wheel spanners, toolkits etc, are also found in cabs quite routinely.



Result:

Loose items in vehicle cabs/passenger compartments can become lethal missiles in the event of an accident and could inflict serious or even fatal injuries.

Learning points:

Ensure all loose items are correctly stored in the vehicles toolboxes or in the back of the vehicle behind the safety cage.

Check the fire extinguisher in your vehicle as part of your daily checks to ensure that it is secure in the bracket. If it isn't ... report it and reject the vehicle until it is made safe.

Recognise the hazard – loose items in cabs

Understand the defence – secure all items or store out of the cab

Act in time – check your vehicle daily for loose items

Check your vehicle cab for loose items and store them securely, don't forget the fire extinguisher.