

# CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



## Wheel bearing fire

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On 28/6/2023, FPC contractor truck loaded with pine sawlogs has had a wheel bearing collapse on the lead trailer causing the middle axel on the left-hand side to catch fire. The driver pulled to the side of the road and used the onboard extinguisher, which initially put out the fire, but it re-ignited. The prime mover and the rear trailer were uncoupled from the lead trailer to save further damage. The ignited trailer tipped over down an embankment as the tyres and air bags burned. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

### Key points

- Drivers quick action to uncouple from the lead trailer has prevented further damage.
- Trailers had recently been serviced.
- A 4.5 kg fire extinguisher was used to extinguish the fire.
- It is recommended that haulage vehicles carry a 9kg extinguisher.