

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: On-Highway

ALERT STATUS: Normal

ACTIVITY: Maintenance & Housekeeping

DATE ISSUED: 14/07/08

SUB ACTIVITY: N/A

INCIDENT No: 00186

TITLE

Ford Connect Vans

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

The new Ford Connect vans being used by Concrete and Technical staff have the vehicle jack positioned behind the drivers seat. In the event that it is needed to change a wheel, the driver can be placed into a hazardous situation, especially when on a motorway or dual carriageway due to having the door open and the driver unable to view on-coming traffic.

The jack is secured and takes time to remove. It is suggested that it is taken from its location behind the seat and placed behind the passenger seat or load compartment.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES



This photo shows the driver™s position when accessing the jack. Below shows the location of the jack behind the driver™s seat.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

If the puncture is on the passenger side, then when traffic is heavy, always climb over the passenger seat to exit the vehicle!

If on the drivers side, if considered too hazardous to attempt to change the wheel, call the retained recovery / breakdown service and await assistance from outside the vehicle in a safe location.

On all occasions when a puncture occurs, TAKE ONE and decide if it is SAFE to change the wheel! ALWAYS wear your high visibility jacket / waistcoat BEFORE exiting the vehicle.

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