

Risk Assessment: Trailers

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L = LOW M = MEDIUM H = HIGH

Hazards	Effects	Who is effected	Risk		Methods to Avoid/Reduce Risk
			Likelihood	Consequences	
Trailers					Trailers
Moving the trailer whilst its unhitched	Injury to staff participants or public Damage to vehicles or public property	All	L	M	Use 2 to 3 staff/adults to move trailer Keep trailer balanced Warn people of intent to move trailer Maintain good lookout around trailer Staff training/brief by instructor if necessary Proper manual handling to be used at all times.
Lifting equipment onto trailer	Injury (particularly backs) Damage to kit	Individuals	L	M	Use 2 to 3 staff/adults to move trailer especially if lifting overhead height Staff training/brief by instructor if necessary Ensure trailer is secured to prevent rolling Manual handling training given by staff
Equipment blowing/falling off trailer while loading	Serious – minor injury to staff, participants or public Damage to kit	Group	L	H	Equipment held, and tied on immediately if in danger of falling Trailer parked in sheltered position if possible Manual handling training and brief given by staff
Staff/students falling off trailer while loading	Serious – minor injury Bruising	Individuals	L	M	Teachers and participants are not allowed to climb onto trailer
Trailer rolling while being unloaded	Injuries to staff/participants/public Damage to public property	Group	L	M	Load trailer on flat level surface Chock the wheels if not attached to the vehicle Apply break