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SAFETY ALERT NOTICE.

Drug / Product / Device:
Tail lift – Step edge safety strip – 3-way Stop.



Identified Issue / Concern / Problem/ Evidence of harm.

The tail lift safety edge strip (3-way stop) is intended to self-position when the tail-lift is operated and thus prevent a stretcher from unintentionally rolling off the ramp in conjunction with the trapdoor system.

It appears that in some rare instances the mechanism of this safety device can become jammed with dirt and dust from the roads. This is probably as a result of the ramp not being fully washed which would dislodge the dirt.

Actions Required / Risk Mitigation strategy

Please check the function of this strip every time the tail lift is used and before a stretcher/person is allowed on to the lift. Person operating the ramp controls, to ensure the stop strip, is at the correct angle, before allowing stretcher/chair/people onto ramp.

Please ensure that when vehicles are being washed with a manual lance (**not drive through rollers**) that the ramp is lowered sufficiently to 90° and wash the area around the 3-way stop top and bottom. Please be careful that this activity is supervised at all times as people may not expect a ramp to be deployed in this way.

If the only wash available is a drive through wash then it may be necessary to ensure that the strip area is separately washed with hot soapy water and function checked.

Please ensure any defects are noted, reported & repaired.

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