



Safety In Vehicle Cabs

An incident recently occurred when an employee was fortunate not to be seriously injured. The employee was driving a loading shovel when a can of spray marker paint 'exploded' in the cab. The spray paint can had been kept loose behind the seat.



The exact cause of this incident cannot be determined, but there are a number of possibilities:

- The can rolled under the seat and was punctured as the loading shovel travelled across rough ground causing the seat to bounce up and down.
- The pressurised can was overheated as it was exposed to the sun magnified through the loading shovel window.
- The can was damaged by being trapped in the door.

When driving or operating any vehicle or plant item the following safe working procedures should be applied at all times:

- **ALL vehicle and plant cab areas should be inspected daily, before starting work, to ensure the area provides a safe working environment.**
- **Ensure that ALL pressurised containers are SECURELY STORED in vehicles at all times.**
- **NEVER leave pressurised containers or any other loose articles behind vehicle seats or in vehicle footwells where they can become damaged or create other hazards.**
- **NEVER leave pressurised containers where they can be exposed to direct sunlight or any other heat source.**
- **Keep all vehicle cab areas clean and tidy at all times!**