

SAFETY ALERT

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INCIDENT TITLE:

Vehicles Over Dry Land

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

February 2018

INCIDENT DETAIL :

Ford have recently sent out a Vehicle Safety Recall for the Ford Ranger, however, we realise this is a very real issue for all vehicles- both business and personal.

Much of the country is currently suffering from dry land and fires due to the heat. Ford notes that the exhausts on their vehicles can become hot enough to potentially ignite dry grass, leaves and combustible materials and advises drivers not to park their 4WDs over this type of area.

Ford is currently investigating this issue and looking for solution.

LEARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS INCIDENT:

- Over the hot summer ensure your vehicle is parked on the concrete or tarmac
- Do not park, idle or drive your vehicle on dry grass or other dry ground cover. The emission system heats up the engine compartment and exhaust system, creating the risk of fire
- Check the underbody of your vehicle regularly to ensure there is no build-up of grass or other vegetation. (particularly for 4WDS and Utes)
- Ensure any machinery (lawnmowers etc) are put away straight after use to avoid them sitting on the grass with a hot motor.

INITIAL RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES :

Recall letters have been sent out to individual drivers of these company vehicles.

PHOTO:



The Corporate Safety and Health Team are currently working on systems to support the above learnings. If interested in viewing the full investigation report for this incident, it can be found in:

<https://www.recalls.govt.nz/recall/ford-ranger-model-years-2016-2017>



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