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Ghost Train hair entanglement

We have received a report from a UK registered inspection body of a hair entanglement point on a Ghost Train drive system. The occupant's hair has fallen through a small gap between the side of the GRP body and the rear seat padding. The ride is approximately 30 years old.

NAFLIC would remind controllers that this is a good example of a 'no gap is too small' situation and that even the smallest of gaps on passenger vehicles can potentially be a hazard risk. Our advice would be to ensure such gaps are covered or enclosed in some way if possible and that adequate safety signage is in place advising guests to tie back long hair and remove any long flowing items such as scarves, etc. Also, ensure that ride operators are trained to enforce these rules.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3 – hair entanglement point



Figure 4 – additional cover to prevent hair entanglement on the drive system

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