

**SAFETY IN SAMOA BE QUICK TO BACK INTO THE PLANTATION**

Passengers on a Falealili bus are lucky to be alive after its gearbox jammed, forcing it to reverse into a 15-seater bus before ending up in a banana plantation at Vaoala.

The impact of the reverse smashed the 15-seater bus' lights and ripped off the engine cover, on top of leaving a big dent below the windscreen. Speaking to Samoa Observer after the accident, passengers Faaleo and Siaoasi said the driver was in a helpless situation as the gearbox jammed, and he could not stop the bus from reversing into a van at the back.

“When we got up to Vaoala, the bus driver lost control and he informed us that the gear of the bus was jammed. The driver couldn't control it and the bus locked in reverse crashing into a van that was behind us and then we ended up in the plantation. We are thankful that nobody was injured and no lives were lost during this incident,” said Faaleo.

Reversing into a banana plantation ensured there were no lives lost according to Siaoasi. I'm just thankful that we are all safe. Not only us but also the driver of the van that was behind us. This would've been another fatal accident and lives would be lost if we didn't end up in the plantation.” But yesterday's crash should serve as a reminder to bus drivers to check their trucks before they pick up passengers, says Faaleo.

“A lot of incidents occurred this year and this is a lesson that all bus drivers should learn from. It's a must for them to check everything before they hit the road because it's the lives of the people that they are carrying. You see we entrust them with our lives knowing that we are safe, but so many accidents occurred because of the carelessness of the drivers or the owner of the buses.



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**Heb 11:24-26** By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

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**DO NOT RISK THE FARM - NOT EVEN THE FARMHOUSE**

Recently we had a new client puzzled why we could not easily recall her name when she had visited just three days earlier. We had to explain that much water had gone under the bridge and we had been at a Dairy Farm where the cowshed was much below regulatory requirements and two local tradespeople were working to tidy up the steel of the herringbone structure plus other pipework and railing systems.

They had no PPE, there was no warning tape, no hi vis vests and no proper good quality tools. Just a typical Northland Subbie where everything will be okay. About two seconds after I had just moved past the workers – out of the corner of my eye – I noticed that one of the frames of a cow stall had flipped over and had gone crashing down and missed his head by a few centimetres.

The impact of this event stunned me as I could hardly believe that the client would take such an enormous risk and gamble the farm on a few hundred dollars that he failed to invest in a competent tradesperson. The site report had to cover about 15 non conformances in relationship to the HSAW regulations for farm workers and the Building Act 2004. This matter was still dwelling on my mind after two more days.

Once again, I would like to warn all land owners. Do not risk the farm or the family home on failure to spend a small amount of money on somebody that will do the job to a good quality and in a safe manner. Do not use cowboys no matter how well you know them and no matter how cheap.

The simplest way to get a friendly Subbie into line is to use the Safety Agreement between Principal and Provider plus the form for the calculation of compensation. The agreement is designed to require the Subbie to have proper standards and to observe the laws. If the Subbie will not sign the form then get another person to be your witness in writing and just issue the form whether or not the Subbie wants to accept it and tell him or her that this is the way that the rules will apply and if you wish to leave please go now.

The Subbie will become responsible to compensate you in full for any legal costs, and reparations and damages and fines and fees that apply if the Subbie “stuffs up” and “gives you a huge headache on a plate”. The HSAW Act is a criminal Act and you will become a criminal at the same time as PCBU searching for \$300,000 if you wish to take foolish chances.

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## **AED DEVICES NOW MORE AFFORDABLE BUT BEWARE**

A few months ago, I was asked to try and source an AED device for a quarry at a very isolated location. The District Health Board and St Johns were less than helpful. They also wanted between \$4,500 and \$5,500. Since then, the market has changed and mass production is now taking place but you need to be wary. Royal Philips of Netherlands has two major manufacturing plants in USA but has been pulled up on quality checking by FDA. It should be noted that Philips has had a high quality track record for 50 years or more. Philips satisfied the FDA by implementing an external quality control check.

It would appear that we can source good quality AED devices at a cost of around \$1,500 approx and there will be a requirement for an operator to be trained and a spare battery would be strongly indicated for good medical proficiency. The training sets can be obtained for about \$100 and the spare battery would be a lesser cost. A good battery should last for 200 starts or 4 years. At least two people should be trained in the safe operation. There is a firm in Auckland that sells the devices but they expect about twice the above costs. They also appear to be tricky to deal with and would not respond to our call for open discussions. So much for the new boys with the new brooms. Beware of all new brooms. Even if they have convincing names, impressive credentials and appear to be medically ok. Heart Slaves will always be looking for extra money from you.

In terms of availability, you should contact our office and discuss your needs with us. You also need to know that AED and CPR are both measures that will not normally kill the patient or victim as the person with heart arrest or no heart function is guaranteed to die anyway. I can also state that at one time I had to be the supervisor of equipment purchases for Canterbury Area Health Board.

An offer is listed on Amazon for \$1,250 but there will probably be some extra costs. My opinion is that Philips – having completed a full inquiry by FDA and now having an extra audit will probably be far ahead of any other manufacturer in terms of quality & safety. AED.com of USA lists & distributes Philips equipment. Discount Coupons are on offer.



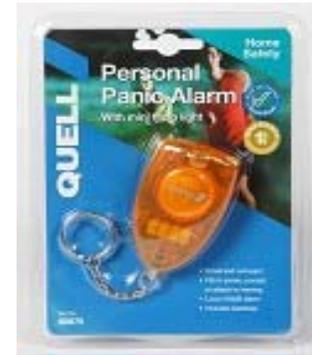
## **ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET**

Helmets need to fit well, be securely fastened and be in good condition. You're required to have a motorbike helmet that meets New Zealand Standard NZS 5430 or equivalent when you are riding on the road. You also need to wear a helmet off-road. If travelling off-road at speeds less than 30 km/h, a helmet designed to NZS 8600:2002 (an ATV helmet) can be used.

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## **Quell Personal Panic Alarm**

SKU: E1010012 Quell Personal Panic Alarm  
RRP \$13 plus freight and discount for quantities.



The Quell Personal Panic Alarm is small and discreet, providing a 100db alarm when activated. With a built in mini flashlight and easy to use pull chain 'activation' the panic alarm is easily attached to your keys or bag and will fit into your pocket, making it ideal for joggers, the elderly, night shift workers, disabled people and people who live alone.

## **THE RIGHT VEHICLE THE RIGHT WAY AND THE RIGHT TRACK**

### **Farm Vehicle Safety is all about eliminating the risk**

To be safe when using farm vehicles you need to:

- choose the right vehicle for the job
- make sure the vehicle is up to the job
- make sure the driver is up to the job
- read the vehicle owner's manual
- wear a seatbelt, if one is fitted – on and off the farm
- wear a helmet when required
- watch where you are going
- if motor bike/s, do not overlap handlebars
- if going overland ensure you know "no go" zones
- beware of silage pits cut into ridges and not visible
- be alert when going around the corners of buildings

## **DID YOU KNOW – THE HEALTH SECTOR IS VERY DANGEROUS**

Perhaps you were not aware of the risks. A recent performance review of ACC key indicators and statistical records has revealed some alarming information.

1. Treatment injuries may exceed Motor Vehicle by 2020 & Workplace by 2023, this is therefore a very serious matter to deal with.
2. There are several ways that injuries can be caused and for example, wrong diagnosis, wrong or untimely treatment, bacteria in prostheses, inadequate hygiene, poor quality air, air con filters, poor cleaning, poor sterilisation, poor food preparation or storage or delivery, dirty nurses, contamination from nearby.
3. There are another 20 ways in which the treatment can be less than good quality. Visitors can introduce dirt and disease, gifts can be contaminated. Health and wellness is not a priority for NZ residents. Drugs are considered to be okay.
4. Overworked staff are not fully alert. Cost savings mean sacrifices of quality and insufficient auditing. Diagnosis is not checked by a professional. ACHS auditors are obstructed or treated as unnecessary idiots.

