

Black Ban on VS30 Mercedes Vans Due to Dodgy Doors

Dear Member,

HSU members have voiced concerns about the safety of new Mercedes VS30 vans. Currently, there are no brackets on the doors that allow them to be held in place, meaning that strong winds can force the doors open or closed without warning. Obviously, this can result in significant harm and injury to patients and staff, with a few near misses already being recorded state-wide.

An HSU Health and Safety Representative wrote to management about the issue asking for the risk assessment that should have been completed before allowing the new vans to be used and demanded to know why no formal safety warning has been issued to PTS staff considering this WHS issue was raised **last month**.

Responding in typical HealthShare “sweep it under the rug” style, management have not deemed its staff or patients’ safety important enough to respond adequately or convincingly, thus we are being forced once again to turn to industrial action to resolve very basic issues.

In order to ensure staff and patient safety, HSU is placing a **black ban on using VS30 vans** until the appropriate actions have been taken to rectify such glaring WHS negligence. Use safe vehicles rather than unsafe VS30s. If a VS30 vehicle is the only vehicle available for your crew to use, politely tell your supervisor that you are not using it until the WHS issue has been fixed.

Your safety is paramount and HealthShare should know that actions always speak louder than words.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD