

## Information Alert 2/14

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Dear Operator

### **Checklist for fire on buses/coaches** **(Replaces update issued Alert 21)**

#### **ISSUE:**

Data captured by Roads and Maritime Services' (RMS) bus incident database reporting system and Office of Transport Safety Investigation (OTSI) reports show there have been a number of bus fire incidents in the last few months. Results range from minor damage to the complete loss of vehicle.

Operators should conduct risk assessments for fires on buses as part of their Safety Management Systems (SMS). Part of the risk assessment should cover evacuation procedures for all passengers including wheelchair users, the elderly and children; training procedures for drivers; and fire extinguisher access.

It is recommended that all operators read the outcome of the OTSI investigation regarding Bus Fires in NSW 2005-2013 report that can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.otsi.nsw.gov.au/bus/investigations.php>

The report and the attached checklist should be used to review maintenance, pre shift and end of shift procedures for all buses and coaches.

#### **NOTICE:**

This notice is to inform operators of the risks involved with fires on buses so that operators can give due consideration to the issues and implement the required procedures.

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