

Safety alert issued: Heavy full trailer drawbar hinge pin failures

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has issued a safety alert after several failed drawbar hinge pins resulted in failures of the drawbar and trailer separation.

This safety alert applies to all heavy full trailers with drawbar hinge kits.

[Read the alert on the Waka Kotahi website](#)

The key points of the alert are:

- Check your vehicle daily.
- If you find any defects, the assembly should be repaired immediately, and any faulty components replaced.
- The hinge connection should be checked at every vehicle service inspection.

We're assessing failed pins to determine how to manage the risk going forward. We'll update the alert on our website when more information is available.

nzta.govt.nz/hinge-pin-alert