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Runaway tanker drama

SHOCKED motorists and passers-by looked on in horror on Saturday morning when an unmanned BP petrol tanker careered out-of-control across the busy Nottingham Road traffic light junction and smashed into the B&Q car park.

Miraculously, no one was injured in the freak incident, which happened when the tanker suddenly began to roll away from outside Sainsbury's supermarket shortly after the driver had got out of his cab at around 10.45am.

Fortunately, the Nottingham Road traffic lights were on red — meaning traffic had stopped and the rogue tanker had a clear path to plough across the road and into the DIY store's car park opposite.

This week, B&Q store manager Roger Cahler said it was 'very lucky' that the lights had been on red and no vehicles had been hit.

"That road is usually very busy — if it had been a couple of hours later . . . well it doesn't bear thinking about."

BP and Sainsbury's have confirmed that an investigation into the incident is underway.

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