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#### **(Neb)-1 Hospitalized When Semi Loses Brakes And Runs Over Front Of Van**

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CHADRON - A Chadron man was hospitalized when a semi lost its brakes and smashed into his van at the intersection of Highways 20 and 385 on the west edge of Chadron shortly before noon Tuesday.

Names and the condition of the driver have not yet been released.

Chadron Police Lt Rick Hickstein says the semi was northbound and going downhill on Highway 385 preparing to stop at the intersection when the brakes failed.

The truck went halfway through the intersection, then hit the westbound van on Highway 20, going over the front of the van and inflicting extensive damage.

Lt Hickstein says the driver of the van was trapped inside, requiring the Chadron Fire Department and Rescue Squad to use the Jaws of Life to free him.

The impact also tore the gas tank from the semi, spilling fuel onto a nearby lot, but fire crews quickly dealt with the situation.