



Safety Alert

Flat Bed Trailer Near Miss

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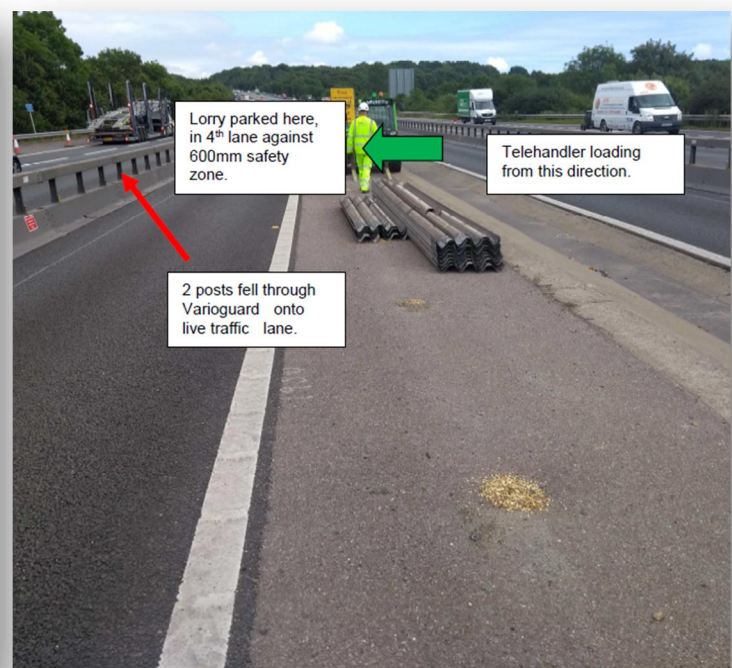
HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

Near miss

On the 22nd July 2019 a near miss occurred whilst a bmJV subcontractor was loading stacked corrugated beam sections onto a flatbed trailer with the use of a small telehandler.

Once loaded, a stack slid from the off-side of the flatbed, causing 2no. metal posts utilised as bearers to pass through the VariGuard opening (below the top rail), coming to rest in lane 3 of the carriageway.

A police officer that happened to be passing enacted a road block to recover posts and whilst doing so bmJV were able to safely recover the corrugated stack that came to rest on the inside of the works area, resting against the VariGuard (inside the 600mm safety zone). No further incident resulted or damage caused to vehicles.



Actions to prevent re-occurrence

- ✓ The use of a telehandler for loading of materials onto lorries is prohibited for this type of operation. However, a telehandler may be used to move materials within the work area.
- ✓ The use of a forklift side-loader to load materials onto lorries is to be made mandatory within the working area. Other options may be considered (e.g lorry load) where space permits.
- ✓ The use of timber bearers is a mandatory requirement when stacking materials. **NO METAL ON METAL**
- ✓ Loading and offloading activities must take place in designated areas as per the construction traffic management plan. The plan will provide details on suitable areas with enough space for a given operation.