



Safety Alert

Insecure load – Low Loader

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What Happened

An incident occurred at approx. 20:05 on 5/08/19. A low loader, carrying a tandem roller and a JCB 3CX was travelling westbound along the A616 Deepcar. As it negotiated a small roundabout, the tandem roller moved and partially slipped off the low loader.

Summary

The low loader had been loaded at the depot by two operatives. They loaded a tandem roller and a JCB 3CX onto the low loader during the afternoon of 5th August 2019 in preparation for the delivery that evening. The low loader was travelling westbound along the A616 to the site, which was approximately 1.5km away. As the low loader was travelling around the roundabout, the tandem roller moved and slipped off the low loader. Initial investigations have determined that the tandem roller had not been secured satisfactorily for safe transportation.



Root cause:

- The loader did not complete the task.
- Only two chains were used on the roller rather than four.
- The driver failed to check the load
- Failure to recognise risk and act appropriately

The investigation is ongoing but the following actions must take place with immediate effect:

- Review risk assessments and method statements (RAMS) for loading and unloading of ALL plant.
- Review supply chain RAMS and competencies.
- Ensure loading and securing of plant is properly designed and briefed.
- Use four chains per item of plant as a minimum. se a minimum of four separate anchorage points