

SAFETY ALERT

Unloading of Delivery Vehicles

An incident has occurred on one of our sites during the unloading of pipes from a delivery lorry.

It appears that the lorry driver climbed onto the back of the lorry to cut the banding that was holding the pipe bundle together, when the banding was released the pipes moved causing the lorry driver to jump from the lorry to the ground. The lorry driver landed awkwardly and broke a bone in his foot; this has not only resulted in a very painful injury, distress and time from work, but is also reportable accident under RIDDOR.

PLEASE be aware.

All deliveries should be planned to allow the correct equipment to be available for offloading

An offloading plan stating who is responsible for offloading and how materials will be offloaded should be in place and the people involved in the unloading briefed on the plan

People are not to be allowed onto trailers unless the proper controls are in place for working at height e. g. gantry around the lorry body, fall arrest boom, edge protection etc

Pre-slinging of loads at the suppliers depot can also be an option

The investigation into this incident is ongoing, when this investigation is concluded the learning's will be distributed around the business.

If you require any information on the different types of control measures that can be utilised to prevent falls from height during unloading procedures, please contact your regional health and safety advisor in the first instance or alternatively myself

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