

## **Loading and Unloading**

### **Some Scenarios:-**

A small pump stored in the compound was needed on site. The pump was loaded onto a small tipper by the telehandler and the driver took it to site where it was needed.

On site, the driver could not find any help to unload the pump and therefore decided to drop the sides, jump on the bed of the tipper and “man-handle” the pump off.

Whilst on the bed of the tipper, driver tripped and fell to the ground.

Result: Left arm broken, right wrist broken. Off work for 6 weeks.

- In this particular incident, the driver thought he was doing the right thing.
- Getting onto the back of vehicles to load, unload, secure and sheet loads has been custom and practice for many years. Unfortunately, so has people falling off.
- Times have changed – it’s no longer acceptable – we need to change our mindset.
- In practice, this means thinking how we are going to load and unload plant, equipment and materials before we do it. The answer is in the planning.

Discuss the scenario above and/or others and explore how to eliminate or reduce the risk of the driver, or others, falling.

### **Remember:**

**It takes a fraction of a second to fall**

**The result can stay with you, or your family, a lifetime.**

**Don’t take the risk**

Further Information: CIP Manual, Section 19