

CLEANING OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO LOADING



Overview

On average, 10 pedestrians or road users are killed in the UK every year, and many more are seriously injured following a collision with a loose object falling off a passing vehicle. The results are devastating to families and can result in criminal proceedings being taken against offenders.

There have been a number of occasions recently where loads have been returned to the Plant Yard from site which have not been cleaned correctly, and could have resulted in loose debris falling off the vehicle during transit. In addition, when the load is unloaded at the Plant Yard, there is a high risk potential that one of our colleagues in the Plant Yard could get struck by falling debris during offloading.

Below are examples of casings that have been returned to the Plant Yard that have excessive debris, loose materials or waste materials still attached to them.



BSL Pre- Loading/Unloading Actions

Prior to loading a vehicle or equipment onto a low loader all loads must be inspected by a responsible person to ensure:

- All items of piling equipment have been washed down correctly, and any concrete that has solidified on tools and equipment and within casings has been removed as this can dislodge during transport.
- All items of plant have been washed down correctly and any debris (especially within the track areas) have been removed.
- All loose equipment, tools and accessories such as webbing slings, loose containers such as oil drums, aerosol sprays etc. that have the potential to fall off during transit has been removed.

Driver Actions

- If the driver is unhappy with any aspects of the load including cleanliness, stability and the security of the load he has been instructed NOT to proceed onto the public highway until he is satisfied that the load is safe and secure.
- The driver should not allow any plant or equipment to be loaded if he is not happy with the cleanliness and security of the load.
- The driver of the vehicle has ultimate responsibility for the load being carried on their vehicle, and the driver will have the final say on all aspects of loading the vehicle.