

Driver Injured by Curtain Tensioning Strap

What Happened:

During loading process, Driver was moving his curtain towards the rear of the trailer when a curtain tensioning strap/buckle came away from the curtain as its pop rivet gave way, this caused the tensioning strap to strike the IP in the face and leave cuts to the lip and nose which required treatment at the Local Hospital.



Findings:

- The correct safe working procedure was followed and full PPE was worn
- This type of Trailer used a Pop Rivet to attach the tensioning strap to the curtain, however there are several different types of fixings so cause of incident cannot be attributed to this one particular type.

Actions:

- ✓ Always pull curtains open or closed using both hands and never pull on just one strap
- ✓ Always inspect fixings, regardless of type, prior to use for any signs of wear and tear
- ✓ Report any defects asap.
- ✓ Never use unsafe equipment.
- ✓ **Safety Glasses Must be worn throughout All trailer operations.**