

## Driver Fall from Height – Serious Injury

### What Happened:

Driver was opening sliding roof with a roof pole. Driver was facing forwards. When he was struggling to release the header bar and release cord, the driver slipped and fell backwards. He fell on to the rear of the trailer before landing on the ground. Driver suffered 5 broken ribs and remained in hospital for 8 days.



**Driver impact with trailer**



**1.30 metres Fall - Hard landing**

### Findings:

- Roof jammed on opening causing driver to slip.
- Trailer bed slippery in sub zero temperatures.
- Procedure to follow when roof jammed, was unclear or unknown to the driver
- Roof pole could only be used inside the trailer (due to roof pole length)
- No onsite facilities for accessing trailer beds.
- Driver was wearing PPE.

### Actions:

- ✓ All Hauliers to review their own procedures and ensure their Drivers are competent in Sliding Roof operations
- ✓ **ALL P&O SAFE WORKING PROCEDURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEBSITE – [www.poferrymasters.com](http://www.poferrymasters.com)**
- ✓ Review length of Roof Poles issued (longer poles allow operation from the ground).
- ✓ Implement process for checking and lubricating roofs.
- ✓ Report any defects and never use unsafe equipment
- ✓ **PROACTIVE INCREASES IN CHECKS AND DEFECT REPORTING WILL REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR THESE TYPES OF ACCIDENTS!**