

## Injury to Hand from falling Roof Support

### What Happened:

On 19/06/2016 the IP was preparing a trailer for loading from the side and needed to move the roof supports to the side. The IP had taken the roof support in his left hand and had undone the lever to unclip it when the support dropped suddenly from the roof bar at the top, and hit the little finger and top of his ring finger on his left hand as it fell. His hand began to swell immediately and he was unable to complete the remainder of his shift or that of the following day, resulting in a Lost Time Accident.



Roof support  
detached from  
here

### Findings:

- IP had worn all PPE and followed the company SWP
- Bolt connecting roof support bar to runner was missing
- Last service completed August 2015 and MOT December 2015

### Actions:

- ✓ Hauliers should check trailers at regular intervals for damage, wear & tear. Include moving parts such as roof support runners, curtains and sliding roofs.
- ✓ Hauliers should implement monthly servicing, lubrication and maintenance of moving parts.
- ✓ Drivers should include moving parts in daily equipment checks.
- ✓ Drivers should take extra care when moving roof supports, wear gloves and safety boots and stand clear and to the side when releasing the lever in case it falls.
- ✓ Hauliers should ensure a robust defect reporting procedure is in place and is understood by all drivers and reported defects are acted on and repaired promptly.

**If you see a fault with a trailer, report it immediately – don't leave it for the next driver because it could be you!**