

Shunt Straps

What Happened:

On 23rd May 2018 a driver collected a flatbed trailer loaded with four 13m bundles of building panel from the trailer park. The driver coupled up and pulled out of the parking bay and out of the trailer park on his way to the load securing area. As he turned right and drove along the access road two of the packs on the left of the trailer fell off and landed on the access road and coils stored in the area.

This area is a high traffic and high pedestrian access route. It was lucky no pedestrians were in the area at the time.



Findings:

- Shunt straps had not been applied as per P&O and customer instructions.
- Driver did not follow the shunt strap procedure when moving loaded trailers on customer sites.
- The driver is experienced and fully trained in P&O and the customer's site safety standards and load securing process.

Actions:

1. Shunt straps **MUST** be applied to **ALL** loads when moving around on customer sites. A minimum of 2 per bundle (dependent on load).
2. Hauliers are required to ensure all drivers have received the shunt strap instruction.
3. Site staff will be checking loaded trailers moving around site. Drivers who fail to apply shunt straps will be reported immediately.
4. CCTV cameras are in operation and footage is checked regularly.