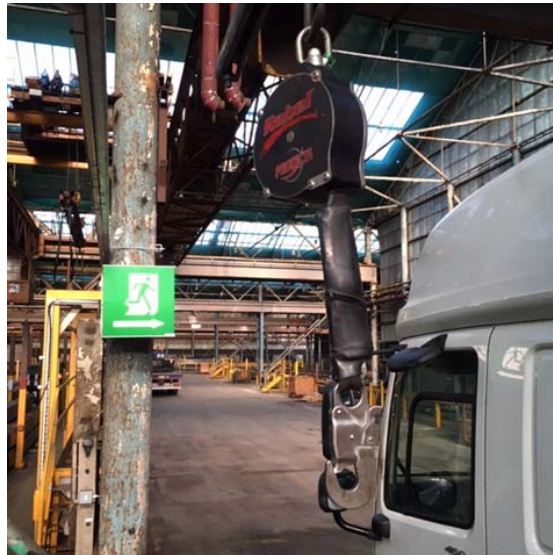


## Driver Injured During Loading

### What Happened:

On 13<sup>th</sup> November a driver assisted the loading of another drivers trailer that was parked along side of his own trailer. The trailer was being loaded by overhead crane, and the loader required some timber dunnage to be positioned. The IP was wearing his fall arrest harness and was attached to the fall arrest block and lanyard, as required by the site for working at height, and stepped from his own trailer over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> trailer to move the timbers. As the IP moved forwards to he was pulled back sharply by the lanyard and he fell on his back onto the timbers of his own trailer.

Driver sustained muscle strain and bruising to his back. Over 7 day injury.



### Findings:

- The fall arrest block and lanyard operated correctly
- The IP made the decision to assist as he was wearing his fall arrest harness to assist the other driver who was not wearing his harness.
- The loading of trailers side by side in a bay was not an authorised procedure and not part of the Safe Working Procedure.

### Recommendations:

#### ***All Workers, drivers and hauliers must:-***

- ✓ Abide by the Safety instructions of the work area or site
- ✓ Wear the correct PPE for the loading site including the use of fall arrest harnesses and fall prevention systems where they are in place.
- ✓ Work responsibly, and take care of their own safety, and the safety of others.
- ✓ NEVER take short cuts in Safe Working processes