

Driver falling from load

What Happened:

On 17-12-2019 a driver at Tata Steel Oosterhout was holding on to the sideboard for support when descending from the cargo, when the sideboard gave way resulting in the driver to fall from the load of tubes (approx. 1 metre high) on to the trailer bed. Driver was going over the load for preparing the straps and closing the trailer roof. Driver sustained injuries to his left hip and was taken by ambulance to the hospital. The sideboard gave way as it was not fitting properly into the brackets of roof supports.



Findings:

- Sideboard gave way as it was not fitting properly into the brackets of roof support.
- Sideboards are not designed for climbing and not a fall arrest system or handrail use.

Recommendations:

- ✓ Don't walk over loads!
- ✓ We recommend to open and close your trailer roof from ground level using a roof pole.
- ✓ Strap and secure the load from ground level.