

Driver injury from falling pallet

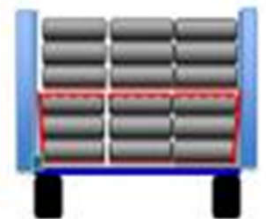
What Happened:

Driver arrived at the delivery point. He opened the first door. Driver checked and listened for signs of movement. Driver then opened second door. A pallet fell and landed on the driver hitting his head and then leg. Driver was taken to hospital. He is awaiting an operation on his ankle, which is broken.



Findings:

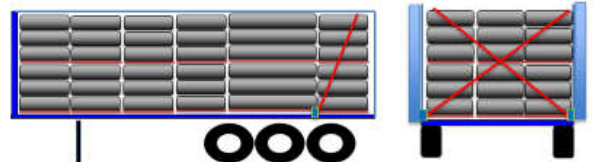
- The rear double-stacked pallets were secured with a strap through the base of the top pallet.
- At some point in transit the pallet had moved and was leaning against the door.



Recommendations:

Drivers and Hauliers should:-

- ✓ Apply 2 straps as cross straps from one side, over the top and then down to the other-side of the trailer. Repeat for the other-side.
- ✓ When on a loading dock, this should be done using access steps and not by climbing.
- ✓ Before opening rear doors of loaded trailers, drivers should:-



1. Remove the seal and TIR cord
2. Loosen the buckles of the curtain near the doors to check if there is signs of movement
3. Carefully open the first door, standing at the end of the door, looking at the product and being prepared to move clear
4. Check the load behind the second door and carefully open the first door, standing at the end of the door, looking at the product and being prepared to move clear