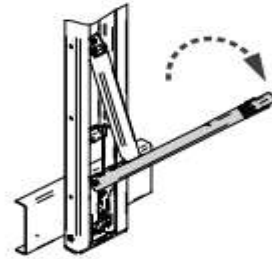


Incidents with roof supports (side posts)

What happened:

In the last few months we have received several incidents relating to roof supports / side posts.

Side post hit driver in his face:



Findings:

IP removed the middle post and tried to release the last post. Due to the tension on the leveller the leveller hits the IP in his face. Resulted in broken tooth and lip.

Support has fallen and narrowly missed hitting Operatives (5 incidents):



Findings:

- 5 Incidents have happened on 4 different trailer types / manufacturers
- Following engineering inspection there is evidence with each incident that either equipment has been damaged and incorrectly replaced or partially damaged and not reported.

Recommendations:

- Check how many posts can be removed and **Always follow the SWP** that could be found on : <http://www.poferrymasters.com/carrierinfo/health-and-safety/operational-standards/>
- Don't open levellers or doors in a direct field of vision and wear a helmet.
- If a forklift or crane is witnessed hitting a roof support / sidepost, report the trailer for inspection, as hidden damage may be present
- Each defect needs to be reported immediately