

Serious Near Miss – Load Fall from Overhead Crane

What Happened:

A trailer was being loaded by over head crane by a loader using a remote control from the ground. The driver was standing beside the trailer undoing the curtains when the crane operator brought over the next steel bundle. The bundle was suspended over the trailer and as it was lowered down the front sling strap slipped off the bullnose of the crane. The steel bundle fell onto the trailer bed. Luckily, the driver escaped without injury.



Key Learnings:

- ✓ **Where drivers are not directly involved in the loading or unloading process, they should wait in the driver safe zone where they cannot be injured should something go wrong during loading. Ask site staff where they are if not displayed.**
- ✓ **Drivers should See and be seen**
- ✓ **Never stand beneath operating overhead cranes or crane flight paths**
- ✓ **Do not approach vehicles until instructed to do so**
- ✓ **Always stay in clear vision of forklifts or crane operators**
- ✓ **Loading teams and crane operators should practice a “Can’t See – Can’t Work” procedure**

Further information regarding P&O Ferrymasters standards and procedures can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.poferrymasters.com/carrierinfo/health-and-safety/operational-standards/>