

SafetyAlert

Safe Working Practice for Tipping Vehicles



Good Practices – always ensure;

The load is evenly distributed

The load does not exceed the carrying capacity of the vehicle or axle loadings

Tyres and low-level equipment have not been damaged in off-road conditions

Tyre pressures are checked regularly

Sheets or nets adequately contain the load

Lights, reflective marker boards and number plates are undamaged, clean and operational

Wet loads are adequately drained

The vehicle is on firm level ground at all times

The area around the point of discharge is clear of personnel and obstructions

An exclusion zone is maintained around the vehicle during the tipping process

All personnel are well clear of a swinging tailgate

Access into the body is only by an approved method

Overhead cables and other obstructions are well clear of the vehicle at all times

A check is always made for overhead obstructions before tipping

Site rules are known, understood and observed at all times by drivers

All tipping procedures are adequately risk assessed and

A method statement for tipping procedures is prepared and understood by all

Do not under any circumstances;

Discharge a load if the vehicle is leaning sideways or on unstable ground

Do not continue to discharge if the vehicle begins to lean sideways whilst tipping

Discharge the load from an articulated vehicle if the tractor unit is not in line with the trailer

Drive with the body raised (other than the 10% to check/clear the tailgate)

Allow personnel to stand adjacent to a tipping body

Drive onto soft ground or close to excavations

Go under an un-propped body or tailboard and allow any other person to go under an un-propped body or tailgate

Enter the body when tipping or tipped

Use violent movements to release a 'sticky' load

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the SHEQ Department.