



HiPo NEAR MISS – STEEL SECTIONS FELL FROM TRUCK WHIST UNLOADING

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Summary:

Recently on a UK Construction Site a delivery of steel sections had arrived on site on an articulated lorry. The lorry parked up in the construction area and the driver completed an offloading check sheet. Although no pedestrian exclusion zone was established around the truck the driver started to remove the straps holding the load. As he was removing the straps three round beams weighing between 120 and 200 kg rolled along their wooden packing pieces and fell to the ground.

Outcomes:

No one was in the area, no one was injured and there was no significant damage to materials. The near miss was classified as a HiPo because there was no effective pedestrian exclusion zone around the vehicle.

Incident Classification: L2 – HiPo Near Miss



Root Cause and Contributory Factors	Action and Lesson Learned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to follow procedure namely Contractor's Site Unloading Check Sheet and the Contractor's Loading Procedure. Site Unloading Check Sheet completed incorrectly, and specific controls not followed. Not using wedges and king posts for transport of round steel sections. Lack of mutually agreed suitable offloading area. No Permit to Work issued for offloading activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor to revise Unloading Check Sheet to make easier to follow. Brief those involved in unloading activities that it is mandatory to correctly follow the controls specified in the Contractor Check Sheet (notably the establishment of exclusion zone). Loading Procedure to be reviewed, communicated, and adhered to. Contractor to communicate with hauliers and sub-contractors to ensure improved securing of materials during loading and transporting at location of loading. Include offloading activity in the daily coordination meeting, agree a safe area and issue a permit. Ensure that the allocated offloading area is flat and accessible.



Every Lesson Learned is an opportunity to avoid recurrences.
What have you done to avoid a similar incident on your project?

