

SAFETY ALERT

Hiab truck tipped during unloading operation – 18/10/18

A sub-contractor sent a truck to site to deliver pallets of sand & cement. They unloaded x3 pallets of sand without concern. When unloading the last pallet of cement, as the Hiab & load travelled from the truck bed to the unloading point and started to lower the load, the truck became unstable and started to roll/tip to the right – landing against stillages of scaffold components stored adjacent to truck. Had stillages not been there the truck would have rolled onto it`s side.



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Key learnings / contributing factors:-

- Driver had been authorized to access site & given allocated unloading area – but had not been requested to complete Lift Plan.
- Sub-contractor did not supply maintenance/certification records for truck, or training and competency register for persons operating truck & Hiab.
- SWL not displayed on Hiab – HS46 would have identified this requirement.
- Length of strop was excessive & most likely contributed to instability of load and truck. Unable to determine competence of operators without evidence of training to US3789 – Lifting & Slinging loads.

Cranes and Lifting Operations are an identified Critical Risks on our sites and must be managed appropriately.

Minimum standards for authorized lifts on XXXXX sites:-

- Lift operation must be authorized by XXXXXXX Management & lift plan completed in full PRIOR to lift.(Either HS46 XXXXX Hiab lift plan, or Company`s own plan)
- Sub-contractor must provide certifications for any lifting equipment to be used on our sites.
- SWL must be clearly displayed on any lifting equipment and lift plan must ensure max planned load does not exceed SWL.
- Evidence of training to US3789 must be supplied for persons lifting and slinging loads.
- Outriggers to be fully extended, on level/suitable ground with adequate outrigger mats (as per Hiab Lifting plan)

XXXXXX are committed to maintaining the highest Health and Safety standards on our sites – we need all our sub-contractors to be committed to helping us achieve those standards. Please ensure all your staff are aware of this incident and the subsequent learnings.

Please ensure the minimum standards outlined can be satisfied by each of your businesses –our site management teams WILL deny access to your teams or stop operations if any standard cannot be met.