



HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT



Location: A22 Near Polgate, Eastbourne, East Sussex

Date: 7th July 2011

Time: 10:30 (approx)

Description of incident:

An articulated tipper (Supply Chain Partner) with a load of micro-surfacing aggregate had arrived at a landing site off the A22 near Polgate, Eastbourne. The driver found a safe place to tip and started to raise the body. When the body was two thirds raised a heavy gust of wind caught the trailer unit and flipped it onto its side. The site was unmanned (other than the delivery drivers) and was mainly level with slight camber in one area. The surface comprised of concrete.

The Supervisor had carried out a site inspection prior to the deliveries.

Immediate Action taken:

There was another lorry on site and this driver witnessed the incident and came to the aid of his colleague. The driver of the overturned vehicle was in a state of shock but otherwise unharmed. The Supervisor was informed of the incident and this was passed on to Management team and the HS&E Department.

There was no evidence of any environmental spillage etc. so the area was secured ready for recovery.

Subsequent Action:

There was a significant amount of aggregate still in the tipper body stuck to the sides due to the slightly damp aggregate (graded material) being compacted and binding together - this is possibly a contributing factor to the incident.

This aggregate was removed from the tipper body using a mini-digger to allow for an easier/safer recovery. The vehicle has since been recovered.

Prevention of a similar incident:

An investigation will be carried out within 4 weeks and preventive actions recommended and implemented.