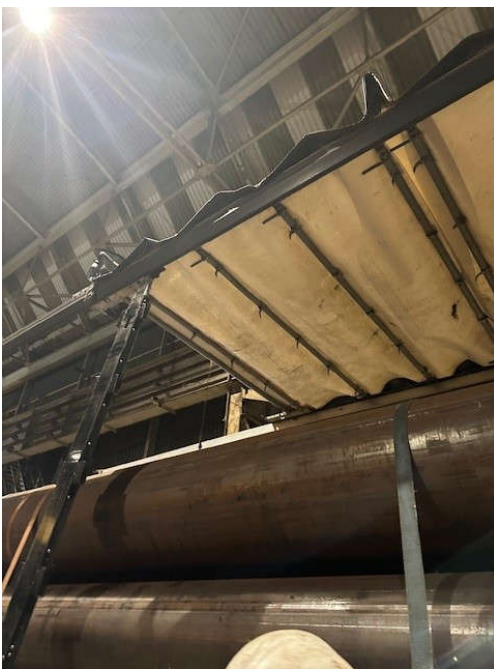


DRIVER INJURY DUE TO NOT ADHERING TO CORRECT PROCEDURE

What's happened: Driver has loaded and is closing up his trailer roof using a roof pole from the ground. The driver was walking backwards and according to witness, almost at a jog. Part way along the roof jams causing the driver to fall backwards and hit his head on a steel bar adjacent to the trailer. Driver sustained a cut to the head.



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Visual Fault Finding – Sliding Roof

Only for trailers with the roof cord intact and undamaged

1. The roof is difficult to push open or close?

Common causes

- The trailer may be sloping
- The trailer may be parked on uneven ground

Solution

- Pull on to level ground
- Inflate / deflate air suspension to level trailer

2. Unable to disengage the locking pins, or sliding roof jam's part way

Common causes

- The curtains are closed and under tension
- Trailer doors hanging open unsecured
- Roof jamming on partially open curtains

Solutions

- Release the tension in the curtains by loosening the buckles and slaken the tension bar*
- Secure the trailer doors back with retaining arms
- Close any partially open curtains

*where possible – see local site rules)

3. If no movement after trying all the above try opening with a second person, using a roof pole on each side.

- Maximum 3 attempts. Do not use excessive force!
- **If roof still does not open reject the trailer and send off site for an authorized repair.**

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Findings :

Driver was wearing full PPE including helmet but not chin strap.

No defects reported on the trailer prior

Driver was walking backwards and using excessive force. Procedure is to walk forwards or sideways on slowly so if roof does stop then there is less likelihood of fall or injury

Recommendations:

- ✓ Always adhere to the safe working procedure for any task
- ✓ Familiarise yourself regularly with the correct standards
- ✓ If roofs are stiff then always seek help
- ✓ Always report any defects so to avoid the next person having issues or worse still injuring themselves.

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