

UNCONTROLLED TRAILER DOOR LEADING TO INJURY

What Happened – After collecting load paperwork a driver has departed the gantry area and proceeded to an area adjacent to the Main office to put the paperwork into the trailer. He has parked against the flow of traffic next to a busy employee walkway and opposite a site access route, impeding other vehicles, so that he doesn't have to be in the middle of the road whilst doing this. Unfortunately, as he opens the trailer door in high wind, he has lost control of the door, and it has swung violently open and struck a customer employee as he walked past the trailer causing injury.



Findings –

The Driver did not consider that the area, although safer for him, was potentially hazardous for passers-by. Driver did not assess the wind strength before opening the door. Driver did not check for others in the area before opening the door.

Drivers must Check:-

- ✓ Drivers **MUST** put any Load Paperwork into the trailer at the Gantry Area before moving off.
- ✓ Drivers must not park up next to the Main Offices.
- ✓ Drivers must not park in busy traffic areas.
- ✓ Drivers **Must** double check for persons in the area before opening trailer doors in high winds and maintain control throughout.