

Tarping and securing bulk freight loads



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A Road Freight Transport Injury Prevention Solution

The Problem

- Bulk freight drivers must work at height when tarping a load.
- Falls, resulting in serious injury or worse, may occur.

Common Causes of Injury

- Slipping off load.
- Loss of balance.
- Poor or unsafe access.

Accident Statistics

Of the ACC claims received between July 2004 and June 2005 that resulted from falls from trucks:

- Two claims involved fatalities.
- 58 claims involved time off work. In total these claims cost \$1.2 million (an average of \$20,000 per claim).
- A further 1,286 claims involved medical expenses only (ie no time off work). These claims cost \$155,000 (an average of \$120 per claim).

Common Sense Solutions

Yards, depots and pick-up and drop-off points visited by bulk freight trucks should try to:

- Eliminate the need for drivers to work at height.
- Minimise the risk of injury should a driver fall.



Common Sense Solutions for Tarping and Securing Bulk Freight Loads



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Tarping structures on sites with harnesses including emergency response



A truck tarping station enables a driver to use fall prevention equipment



On-Truck Tarping System



Shrink Wrapping

Eliminate the need to get on top of the load to tarp. One way of achieving this is to shrink wrap goods so that tarping is not necessary.



Forklift Cages

Use a forklift cage to place items on the tops of loads.

Remember: Some loads do require supplementary restraints such as load binders for the freight to be secure. This may require getting up onto the deck or tray to thread the load binder. Care should be taken when doing this.