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Thame Valley Viaduct South Abutment #033

During a tractor trailer transporting a 6.6-meter ISO container the load became free from its restraint lashing and came to rest in an unattended laydown area.

No injuries were sustained.

What we know

The container was loaded onto the trailer using an excavator and secured by the tractor driver using a single ratchet strap.

Unauthorised recovery of the container was being carried out when work was stopped.

Actions taken

- Following the incident, the tractor driver was Drug and Alcohol tested and returned a negative result.
- Trailer and container have been quarantined pending inspection.
- A 48 Hour Review has been completed.

What you can do

- Check the security of all loads prior to transportation.
- Report any incidents, accidents or near misses immediately.
- Conduct pre-use checks of all load restraint equipment prior to use.
- All lifting operations must be planned and authorised.



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