



## SAFETY ALERT

A serious accident occurred recently on a Dubai World development where a tipper truck overturned while unloading spoil.

Investigation carried out by EHS identified that there were a number of factors contributing to the accident. The tail gate lock of the tipper truck failed to open even after the rear hydraulic jack had been extended, this caused imbalance leading to the overturning of the truck to the right hand side.

The truck driver (who was not wearing the seat belt) fell to the right hand side sustaining a fracture to his right leg. It was found out that there was a banksman deployed for the operation but the driver failed to follow his communication about failure of the tail gate lock.

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All contractors should note the following:-

- ⇒ *Safe Operating procedures and risk assessments to be prepared and communicated to all operatives involved in the delivery and transportation of materials.*
- ⇒ *Always ensure that only competent, trained and authorized personnel are deployed for operating construction vehicles and equipment.*
- ⇒ *Ensure periodic checks and maintenance to maintain the safe working condition of all plant and machinery.*
- ⇒ *Always ensure that effective communication exists between the drivers and banks men/signalers deployed. This must include effective emergency stop instruction.*
- ⇒ *Ensure that protective safety devices such as seatbelts are in working order and worn by the operator at all times.*
- ⇒ *Monitor arrangements regularly against the agreed safe system of work and take corrective action where necessary.*

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