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**Low Loader Significant Near Miss**

The low-loader was carrying two road rollers at the time of the incident, when the one at the rear of the transporter, shifted to the nearside of the trailer resulting in the rear roller drum falling off the low-loader bed.

The driver contacted his employer who arranged for mechanical support to put the road roller back onto the lorry.

It is extremely fortunate that the roller shifted to the nearside on a rural road and did not totally break free from its lashing. The potential for a serious incident involving injuries to have occurred is clear.

Investigations to determine the root cause are currently underway. The driver has been suspended from working

 by his own organisation and until investigations are complete



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and the full cause has been determined.

It is vitally important that all items of plant and equipment are secured on the vehicle they are being transported on. The requirement to ensure this happens is applicable to all of our commercial fleet.