

Fatal 6 - Spinflow Tipper Rollover

WHAT HAPPENED

A Spinflow Tipper truck carrying 6m³ of Ready To Use Mortar rolled over when travelling round a roundabout. After missing a customer site entrance, the driver had to go to the next roundabout to do a full U-turn in order to gain access to the customer site; footage shows him not reducing speed as he approached the roundabout. A combination of speeding and the fluid material carried caused the vehicle to tip over when travelling round the roundabout. The driver was wearing a seatbelt and no loose objects were in the cab, so fortunately he was not injured but was badly shaken. No members of the public were involved, but it did cause traffic delays in the area and resulted in a large scale clean up operation



KEY FINDINGS

- The driver was employed by an Independent Haulage Contractor (IHC) and had 4 days training before been allowed to drive on his own
- The driver had 5 years driving experience, but not with Readymix products or vehicles
- The IHC did not notify the Operations team of the new starter and therefore had not received the company's Driver Induction
- Footage shows the driver did not adjust his speed for the road conditions and the road layout
- MP Connect system was not used to check base drivers
- The driver was wearing a seatbelt and no loose items were in the cab

HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

- The IHC Should have notified the operations team of the new driver, so he could be inducted and reviewed for competence
- Had the depot used the MP Connect sign-in, they would have known about the new driver
- All drivers should drive below the limit and adjust speed to suit vehicle type, loading, weather and road conditions

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

- Ensure all new drivers receive the company driver induction and review competence for specific vehicle types
- Carry out regular Driver VFLs
- Review MP Connect system process to include base drivers
- Review IHCs Training policy and sign off

LOCATION: ON-HIGHWAY
ACTIVITY: TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS / DELIVERY
SUB ACTIVITY: DELIVERING MORTAR

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