Fatal 6 – TRANSPORT – Tipper overturn on-highway whilst delivering aggregates

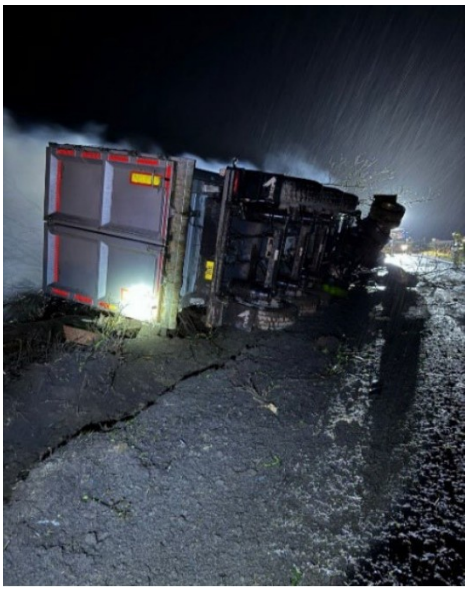
WHAT HAPPENED

In January, an articulated tipper loaded with aggregates came into contact with the grass verge whilst traveling on a road in Shropshire. This pulled the vehicle off the road, causing it to overturn and collide with a tree, following the accident the cab then caught fire.

The driver climbed out of the cab without assistance but sustained a broken wrist and bruising. Emergency services attended scene and took the driver to the hospital where he was kept in overnight. No other vehicles involved in the incident, the vehicle was written off.

An enquiry concluded the following two factors as the causes of the incident;

- **Primary:** Driving without due care and attention
- **Contributing**: Amber weather warning in place



LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

- Toolbox talk developed for route planning and driving in adverse weather conditions, to be cascaded out to hauliers.
- Annual winter working section added to be added to the haulier newsletter.
- All drivers, contractors and employees must ensure that the reporting procedure is followed within the 30-minute rule.

LOCATION:	**ON-HIGHWAY**	**ALERT STATUS:**	**Normal**
ACTIVITY:	**TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS / DELIVERY**	**DATE ISSUED:**	**06/05/2026 16:42:05**
SUB ACTIVITY:	**ROLLOVERS**	**INCIDENT No:**	**04975**