

## INCIDENT ALERT

**LOCATION:** Road transport  
**ACTIVITY:** Transport / Delivery  
**SUB ACTIVITY:** On-highway

**ALERT STATUS:** Normal  
**DATE ISSUED:** 03/09/10  
**INCIDENT No:** 00270

TITLE
Secure Tools and Equipment
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS
<p>Scrapers, brushes, buckets and other objects to clean tailgates and other loose material from vehicles have been found wedged in vehicle mudguards, vehicle steps and other locations on the outside of vehicles.</p> <p>Items such as shovels and sweeping brushes have been found in the passenger foot well. Fridges/coolboxes, portable stoves, televisions and laptops have also been found stored insecurely in vehicles.</p> <p>Unsecured tools and equipment carried in vehicles, whether a car or LGV cab, are very dangerous and will act as a missile during a harsh braking situation.</p>
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN
<p>Ensure that tools and equipment for cleaning vehicles are safely secured so they cannot fly off the vehicle and cause injury / damage.</p> <p>Ensure that loose items inside vehicles are secured so they cannot move. (Do they need to be inside the vehicle? e.g. can shovels be safely secured to the vehicle body?) Car drivers should put laptops, etc. in the boot.</p>
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES