



SAFETY ALERT

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FALL FROM TRUCK WHEN TARPING

INCIDENT:

A truck driver was concussed when he fell from the top of a loaded truck while manually installing the tarpaulin. This incident may have resulted in serious, multiple or fatal injuries.

CIRCUMSTANCES

The driver was on top of the loaded truck spreading the tarpaulin by hand when he tripped over the side of the truck and fell to the ground striking his head.

INVESTIGATION

The truck was not fitted with an automatic tarpulin system and it was necessary to climb on top of the truck to tarp the load. The tarping system was different to most as it spread down the sides of the truck in order to keep the load dry.

The mine owned the truck.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- All mines review the tarpaulin systems on all trucks to ensure persons are not required to climb on top of trucks to cover loads.
- Conduct a risk assessment of all aspects of the tarping process of all trucks, to ensure there is no risk of persons falling.

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