Health & Safety Incident Alert Overturning of Forward Tipping Dumper

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Introduction

This briefing is for ESD and our supply chain following the overturning of a 9T forward tipping dumper at our Bradan AASR (Ashgrove) project.

What Happened?

The Contractor had been loading stone (approx. 7t) at the Greenhead location and was returning it to the main compound. The operator took the local roads back to the compound which are mainly single track farm access roads. Approximately 1/3rd into the journey, the operator was required to take a right hand sharp turn (this turn has an adverse camber). As the operator made this turn, the dumper overturned in the middle of the junction. The operator was thankfully not injured!

Immediate Action Taken:

Traffic management was immediately put into place. The dumper was then recovered and moved to a lay-by. Diesel spill (approx. 1 gallon) was then cleaned up. Dumper was later recovered and returned to Plant Hire Company. D&A test undertaken.

Lessons to take forward—Actions to take!

- Always ensure that speeds are appropriate for the road you are travelling.
- Always slow as you approach junctions and sharp bends—ensure that your speed is low and that you have full visibility round the bend.
- Be particularly aware if this is the first time you are travelling this type of road, or if there is any change from the last time the road was driven.
- Ensure that if you are carrying a load that it is not overloaded and that the operator can see over it.
- Always carry out a pre-check on plant prior to operator—notify your supervisor if any issues are identified.
- Always notify your supervisor if there is any change to your mental or physical health—we will need to review your Fitness for Work. If you notice any changes in a colleague, always speak to that colleague or a supervisor—look out for each other!
- Always ensure that risk assessments are in place and reviewed prior to activities taking place—are we clear on the task and the hazards associated with it?
- Always ensure that the Traffic Management Plan takes account of remote locations and travel to / from those locations—always select the route based on the task and plant rather than the quickest route.



