

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



SECURING LOADS FOR TRANSPORT

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Background

During a site visit it was observed that protruding limbs, loose bark and/or trailing debris had not been removed from the secured load in preparation for transport.

Key Points

- As per Contractor Procedure H9:

Contractors must secure loads in accordance with the “NTC Load Restraint Guide”. This includes ensuring protruding limbs, loose bark and/or trailing debris are removed before leaving the loading point and as soon as possible when noticed in transit.

- Extract from the Load Restraint Guide 2018:

You are legally responsible for restraining your load so that:

- It does not come off your vehicle under normal driving conditions, including heavy braking and minor collisions. If it comes off, this is evidence you have breached the law.
- It does not negatively affect the stability of the vehicle, which can cause the vehicle to roll over or swerve uncontrollably and cause an accident.
- It does not stick out of the vehicle in a way that could injure people, damage property or obstruct others' paths.