

Safety Alert to IWEA members

Loosely secured load smashed windscreen

There was a recent incident involving an IWEA member and third-party van driver travelling on a secondary road. A piece of skirting board from the third-party van, travelling in the opposite direction, came loose and hit the windscreen of the vehicle. Both of drivers stopped to discuss the incident and fortunately nobody was injured. The third-party admitted liability.

What can we learn from this incident?

Manager

Are you absolutely sure that rigorous processes and high standards are applied regarding vehicle checks and the securing and transporting of loads within your area?

Supervisor

When was the last time you discussed the correct methods of securing loads to vehicles with your teams and have you personally checked that loads are being checked before journeys?

Everyone

Do you always take the time to check the security of loads before every journey and to check it again if you stop for breaks on long journeys?

Never take chances when transporting loads and remember, "If it's not safe, we don't do it".



Third-party Vehicle



Member Vehicle



Piece of Skirting

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