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**Incident Title:** Insecure Load



**Event Details:** A member of the public reported damage to their vehicle after some loose items fell from the deck of a crane truck travelling in the opposite direction around an open road bend. The car sustained significant damage to the radiator and windscreen. The items that struck the car were in a small box containing nuts and bolts, which spilled loose when the box hit the road. The driver of the crane truck, which was returning to the line depot at the time, was unaware the items fell from the truck.

### Immediate Action:

- All drivers of vehicles are responsible for ensuring loads are securely stowed and held prior to moving the vehicle. Never move the vehicle if any part of the load is not secured.
- Loose items, such as bolts, nuts and washers etc must be placed in the appropriate compartment or storage bins. If this is not feasible, use a tarpaulin to cover the small items, making sure it is securely tied down with ropes or load-binders.
- When on the road, stop frequently to check your cargo. This is all the more necessary when travelling long distances.

### Information:

All PowerNet vehicles carrying loads on roads or carriageways must comply with the following NZTA guidelines:

- Guide to safe loading and towing for light vehicles
- The official New Zealand truck loading code

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