

# Safety Bulletin No. 02/2016

## SECURING VEHICLE LOADS

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Applicable to	All employees who drive commercial vehicles

A significant near miss has occurred when a set of extension ladders fell from an overhead lines Hilux vehicle as it was travelling on the M6 motorway. The potential consequences of equipment falling from vehicles are extremely severe.

The initial investigation into the incident has found that only one securing strap had been used and it is believed that this then failed.

All employees who drive commercial vehicles are reminded to use the correct procedure in securing ladders, **using a minimum of two securing points.**

Securing straps should be checked as part of daily vehicle checks. **Any securing mechanism showing signs of fatigue / damage should be replaced immediately.** The photograph below is a securing strap from the same vehicle and is an example of a strap that should have been identified as unfit for service and replaced.



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