

safety alert

Tip Truck Overbalanced Final Safety Alert

Electrix Event Number:

E13225 – ICAR: 17900

The Issue:

On 30 January 2014, while unloading a tipper truck full of metal, the truck overbalanced and fell onto its side. No personal injury, no property damage. Damage to the tipper truck.

What Happened:

Tipper truck was delivering a load of metal on the ARI-ONG A line. The truck was stationary and the tip truck operator had raised the tray to tip the metal off. As the metal began sliding off the truck, the truck overbalanced and fell onto its side.

Findings:

- Tip truck operator did not identify he was tipping metal on the side of a slope and that the load could shift as the centre of gravity changed.
- No levelling device in tip truck to assist in judging if the load is level

Root Cause:

Complacency - the tip truck operator did not position the tip truck on a level surface when unloading

Lessons Learnt:

- When delivering metal or other similar loads to site, ensure the tip truck is parked correct on the slope prior to operating the tray.

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