



TRANSPOWER



FIRST ALERT

Date: 21 October

Maximo Reference:

Near Miss – unsecured load

EVENT



Two tower painters were travelling in a ute which had an empty, unsecured, international bulk container (IBC) in the vehicle's tray which weighed approximately 40 kg +.

While they were travelling at approximately 70 kph on the main highway, the IBC flew off the tray onto the road, rolling approximately 8 m until it came to a stop on the left hand side of the road.

There were no other vehicles on the road at the time of incident. No damage was caused to the IBC as a result of this incident.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- The two tower painters pulled over immediately, put the hazard lights on, and loaded and secured the IBC onto the ute tray.
- A full investigation is currently being carried out
- **Transpower commentary:** *There has been at least one similar incident this year where unsecured equipment has flown from a moving vehicle onto a public road. These incidents highlight the importance of always verifying that equipment tie-downs are in place and properly tensioned before vehicles leave a site.*



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