

SAFETY ALERT

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Ringway Hertfordshire – Tipper Incident

Date: 02 December 2015
Time: 13.15hrs
Division: Ringway Hertfordshire
Location: Ivy House Lane Berkhamstead

The tailboard chutes on a lorry loading tipper was being used to carry out carriageway patching work. As the bed of the lorry was tipped to allow the asphalt to dispense via the chutes into wheelbarrows, the tailboard of the vehicle failed resulting in 12 tonnes of asphalt spilling onto the ground. Fortunately the banksman who was signalling the driver to tip was standing to the side of the vehicle when the tailboard failed.

Although this is a non-injury incident, it is significant and could have been much more serious. We need to determine what caused the securing bar to fail.

A full investigation is currently underway to get to the root cause and determine what action is needed across the company to ensure these types of incidents do not happen again.



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