

Fatal 5 - A stack of pallets containing precast concrete products collapsed as they were being prepared for loading onto a lorry

WHAT HAPPENED

Whilst preparing products for loading onto lorries at a precast concrete stocking yard, a stack of pallets collapsed. It was lucky that no one was in the area when the incident occurred as they could have been seriously injured.

The incident was caused by several factors, including banding to a customer's pallets, which were of varying condition and sizes, and stacking too high.

In line with DVSA guidance the member company had initiated a policy of banding to pallets but was also doing a local collect customer a favour by banding to their pallets.

As the fourth pallet was being placed in a stack, the second pallet broke, allowing the top three pallets to tip to the side.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

- In the future, the company will only use purpose-designed pallets and be more careful about how high they stack.
- Pallet loadings will be reviewed, and the safe loadings communicated within our teams.

LOCATION:	CONCRETE PRODUCTS PLANT	ALERT STATUS:	Normal
ACTIVITY:	TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS / DELIVERY	DATE ISSUED:	11/09/2024 16:47:56
SUB ACTIVITY:	DELIVERING CONCRETE PRODUCTS	INCIDENT No:	03758