

Load Security Enforcement



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VOSA (The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency)

- VOSA is the enforcement body for compliance with HGV / PSV legislation
- They carry out roadside checks on vehicles and drivers
- They have the power to stop a vehicle or driver from continuing a journey
- Their roadside staff have recently undergone training for load security
- The idea behind this new training is to ensure that all officers use the same approach



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Load security matrix

The key purpose of load security training is to help VOSA examiners respond appropriately to different load and security types. The priority is to deal with loads that are demonstrably not secure and therefore present a real danger to road users. This matrix is only intended as guidance and will not cover every eventuality. Other factors – such as the speed of the vehicle – will be taken into account.

		DEFECT CATEGORY		
		1	2	3
LOAD TYPE	A	PROHIBIT	PROHIBIT	ADVISE
	B	PROHIBIT	PROHIBIT	ADVISE
	C	PROHIBIT	ADVISE	ADVISE

DEFECT CATEGORY		
Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
No load securing	>30cm gap between load and vehicle headboard	Lashings on ropehooks
>1m gap between front of load and vehicle headboard	Unsheeted load in bulk tipper or skip	Minor damage to headboard not affecting structural integrity
Unstable load affecting vehicle stability or likely to topple from vehicle	Inadequate load securing leading to likely risk of harm	Unsuitable load securing
Severe structural damage to headboard or gaps in headboard that would allow load penetration	Unsuitable stacking of load items likely to lead to risk of harm	Poor condition of securing equipment
Items loaded over height of headboard	Height of load likely to affect vehicle stability	Unsuitable vehicle for load

LOAD TYPE		
Type A	Type B	Type C
Metal pipes, sheet or bar Reinforced concrete Bricks, stone or concrete Vehicles (including scrap) Plant machinery Reels (steel, wire or paper) Kegs and barrels Stacked loaded skips Empty skips stacked > 3 high Metal castings Glass Containers/work cabins	Timber FIBCs/bulk powder Roll cages Bagged aggregate Empty skips stacked 3 high Heavy palletised goods	Clothing Wood chip Waste paper Coal bags Bulk material (in tipper) Packaging material Single loaded skips Empty skips < 3 high Light palletised goods

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- VOSA officers will pay particular attention to curtain-sided vehicles
- They will stop both domestic and foreign trucks, and have the power to enforce an on the spot fine
- This fine (known as a graduated fixed penalty) will be issued for weight overloading, but can be issued for insecure loads
- The fine will range from £60 to £200, but it cannot be paid in Euros
- A prohibition (a written order preventing onward travel) is usually only ever issued when it is clear the load is dangerous and unsafe during transportation

