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| **LOAD RESTRAINT AND CONFIGURATION**  **Number: 135**  **Date: 26/4/24** |

**Background**

On 17 April, a member of the public contacted a contractor to report that a log was hanging over the back of the tail gate.



This picture also shows that logs have been loaded above the stanchion height on the right-hand side and the load has been poorly crowned.

The truck driver was directed to pull over and an additional belly strap applied to secure the load, the truck then returned to the yard where the load was repositioned before continuing to its destination later that day.

Key Points

* All loads must be crowned with the top outer logs no more than half their height being above the stanchion height.
* All loads must be secured and loads/straps checked enroute for movement.
* The Load Restraint Guide (2018) states;

Crown loads to ensure all logs are clamped by tie-down lashings – *Figure 331*.

A truck with a load of logs

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Don’t extend the top outer logs more than half their height above the top of the stanchion.

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