

Carting Excavators and Skid Steers on Tip Truck Decks

CAMs # 499138

SUMMARY

Carting excavators and skid steer loaders on tip truck decks is risky and has caused many serious accidents.

It's no longer acceptable to cart diggers or skid steers on truck decks from 1 January 2027. During 2026 we'll build more excavator/skid steer trailers to support this change.

1. Relevant To

This alert is important for operators who cart small excavators or skid steer loaders on truck decks, and their managers.

Managers should discuss this alert with local subbies.

2. Background

Over the last 18 months we've been encouraging a shift away from carting small excavators and skid steers on truck decks. There are many ways people can get hurt:

- Ramps can slide, slip, or fail.
- Machines can overbalance, or track off the ramps and fall to the ground.
- Manually shifting ramps can strain backs and crush fingers.
- Operators may fall if they have to climb out of a machine and onto the side of a truck deck.
- It's hard to properly tie down a machine to a deck in a small space.

To eliminate these risks, we've made the call to stop carting diggers and skid steer loaders on truck decks by the end of 2026.

3. Critical Risks

- Falling from heights
- Machine tip overs
- Insecure loads

4. Mandatory Requirements

Please complete the following mandatory requirements:

	Action	Responsible	Before
4.1	Discuss this RED Alert with responsible managers and operators who cart small excavators and skid steer loaders on truck decks.	Senior Managers	28-Feb-26
4.2	Agree additional CAPEX requirements with your GM and include them in your 26-27 CAPEX Plan.	Senior Managers	28-Feb-26
4.3	Ensure that skid steers and small excavators are shifted on transporters or purpose-built trailers as soon as these are available.	Senior Managers	30-Dec-26
4.4	Share this alert with your local subbies and encourage them to adopt the same improvement.	Senior Managers	28-Feb-26

5. Revision History

Date	Author	Brief Description of Change
13/01/2025	T Talbot	First draft
15/01/2026	A Allen, S Shore	Final version
03/02/2026	A Allen, S Shore	Updated to include skid steer loaders

6. Closeout Requirements

Please discuss this Red Alert with your teams, complete the items below and return to your Safety Manager. They will collate all responses for the business unit and send a single confirmation to the HSQES Analyst at nzincident@fultonhogan.com before 30th December 2026.

6.1. What date was this Red Alert communicated to the workplace: ____/____/2026

6.2. Could this incident occur in your Region/Project? (Circle your answer below)

YES If Yes, please answer questions 6.3 & 6.4

NO If No, please answer question 6.5

6.3. Have all the actions and recommendations been implemented? (Circle your answer below)

YES If Yes, please answer question 6.4

NO If No, please answer question 6.5

6.4. Are these measures sufficient to eliminate or reduce the risk of an incident (or similar) described in the alert from happening again? (Circle your answer below)

YES or **NO**

If No, please raise a CAM's case listing the required actions and accountabilities to be taken in order to eliminate or reduce the risk. Record the CAMs number below:

CAMs Case Number: CAMs-_____

6.5. Please explain why this incident could not occur within your region / project.

In signing this document, I confirm that the actions above have been completed in this region/project.

Region / Project: _____

Region / Project Manager Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____