

SECURING OF CYLINDER PACKAGES TO VEHICLES

Precautions to be taken to ensure cylinder packages are safely secured to vehicles

Every day EIGA members transport many thousands of cylinder packages. Cylinder package is the generic name that is given to cylinders, cylinder bundles and small cryogenic receptacles.

Recently EIGA's Safety Advisory Council has received a number of reports of cylinders and cylinder bundles not being securely attached to the vehicle and then falling onto the road. Examples of the reported incidents include:

- cylinder cap coming loose;
- bundle of cylinders and / or pallets of cylinders falling off a truck;
- cylinders not strapped into a pallet; and
- tools or other objects left on cylinder bundles.

It is a legal requirement to ensure that the cylinder package is secured to the vehicle and that there are not unsecured items on a vehicle.

The failure to adequately secure a cylinder package to a vehicle can at best, result in the loss of the load onto the road, at worst it can lead to fatalities of other road users.

EIGA Members should have procedures and processes in place to ensure that cylinder packages are secured to their vehicles.

In order to avoid the loss of a cylinder package from a vehicle all EIGA members are recommended to:

- ensure that they have procedures in place in their organisations to address load securing;
- ensure that there are training programmes for all who are involved in loading cylinder packages including those at the depot as well as drivers;
- ensure that all personnel involved in loading vehicles are trained and understand the risks of an insecure load; and
- carry out regular audits of vehicles to ensure that the loads are adequately secured.

EIGA has produced guidance for members in EIGA Doc 52, *Load Securing of Class 2 Receptacles*.

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