

## VEHICLE OVERTURN ON MOTORWAY

### Details of Incident

A company tipper Driver, who has been with the business for 20 years, was driving an articulated tipper along a motorway to his first delivery of the day.

The Driver was taken ill at the wheel, which then caused his vehicle to cross 4 lanes of the motorway, from the nearside lane to the outside lane, and collide with the concrete central reservation. The body of the tipper truck straddled the central reservation and its load of sand was spilled onto the opposite carriageway.

The Driver suffered a small cut to his head above his left ear and has a small mark on his forehead; he was taken to hospital and released later that day. Fortunately no other vehicles were involved.

### Key Findings

- The hospital suggested the Driver was 'limp' at point of impact, thereby only sustaining minor injuries.
- The police, in consultation with the medical authorities, have revoked all the Driver's licences.
- There is no record of the driver's last company health surveillance
- The Driver was wearing a seat belt and was well rested, it was still early in his shift.
- The driver wasn't speeding.

### Key Review Points

- Do all employees take part in the company health screening programme?
- Do all drivers wear their seat belts and is this monitored?
- Are vehicle cabs kept clear of loose tools and other objects to minimise the potential for injury in the event of an incident?
- If employees have any medical conditions, or are feeling unwell, is there a policy in place to report this to their line manager?



#### **Seatbelts Save Lives**

Wear your seatbelt and make sure any passengers do as well.



#### **Fit and Alert**

Ensure you are fit to drive: hydrated, well rested, and free from the influence of alcohol and drugs.



#### **Remember**

– Your family depends on you. So drive to arrive safely at all times!