

Belfast Harbour

Operational Notice

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Securing Loads carried on Vehicles within Belfast Harbour Estate

All loads carried on vehicles within Belfast Harbour Estate must be sufficiently secured using load restraints, whatever the journey. This is to protect the people involved in loading, unloading and driving the vehicle, together with other road users and pedestrians.

Drivers should also take into consideration the additional risk of the load, or part of the load, moving when the vehicle is being driven. This applies to all vehicles and to all types of load. The driver is ultimately responsible for the load carried on their vehicle, whether or not they were involved in the securing of the load.

The load securing systems you use should be appropriate for both:

- the loads being carried
- the vehicles being used

These may include:

- 'over-the-top' lashings
- rear kites
- intermediate bulk heads
- direct lashing to specific anchor points

Whoever is responsible for loading a vehicle needs to consider other important factors like axle weights and vehicle stability. These are the fundamental requirements in making sure vehicles are safe before starting a journey.

Further advice and guidance can be obtained from: [Load securing: vehicle operator guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/load-securing-vehicle-operator-guidance)

