



DRIVER LOAD SECURITY

All drivers need to be aware that you can receive fixed penalty notices for unsecure loads or lack of load restraint.

There are “no rules” that fit all the different types of loads you may carry and what type of load restraint is required.

Here are some pointers:

The trailer curtain does not act as a load restraint it is merely an “umbrella” to provide protection from the weather.

All pallets/loads must be restrained to stop movement from side to side and front to back.

The pallets/Loads you may carry are usually in excess of 400kg so they require strapping across the trailer with ratchet straps.

Internal straps should be used when the pallets/loads are under 400kg.

DVSA examiners ask themselves a series of questions before deciding the appropriate course of action to take based on the risk.

- Can the load slide or topple forwards or backwards?
- Can the load slide or topple off the side?
- Is the load unstable?
- Is the load securing equipment in poor condition?
- Is there anything loose that might fall off?
- Does the vehicle present an immediate likelihood of causing danger of injury due to it's load security or stability?

The examiner will refer to the load security matrix (as used on your Driver CPC Training) if they answer 'yes' to any of these questions.

Fines for not strapping your load can vary

You can visit the DVSA or Gov.uk websites for more information on Load Security

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PROVIDED WITH ENOUGH RACHET STRAPS TO
SECURE THE LOADS YOUR GOING TO BE CARRYING BEFORE LEAVING ANY
CUSTOMER SITE**

IF IN DOUBT PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT OUT

Please contact the Drivers Plus office if you have any questions/issues on

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