

# SAFETY ALERT



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**Number:** SA0006

**Subject:** Driver Hit by Cheater Bar

**Date:(mth/yr)** April 2005

**Incident:** (Brief facts only, do not include company name or location, insert picture if available)

- Truck driver was dogging down a coil when the claw of the dog worked loose.
- This caused the cheater bar to release unexpectedly and strike the driver on the chin.
- The driver received 4 stitches to his chin and bruising.
- X-rays confirmed the jaw was not broken.

**Key Lessons:** (maximum of 3)

- Drivers to ensure claw or hook has fully gripped the chain before tensioning load binder.
- Drivers to "Take 2" – Stop, Think & Plan before tensioning load binder. If driver had taken 2, he would have realised the claw had not fully gripped the chain and could have adjusted before tensioning the load binder.

**Recommendations:** (maximum of 3)

- Communicate incident to all transport companies and drivers advising them to check loads before tensioning load binders.
- Distribute communication to interest groups.

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