

# SAFETY ALERT

Responding to Serious Incidents



**Subject:** Ensuring Truck Outrigger Legs are Secured

**Date:** 21 October 2013

**Business Unit** Stramit

**Site** Crestmead, Brisbane, Australia

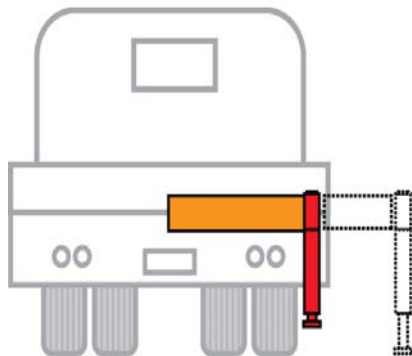
**Hazard** Work Journeys (Vehicles on Public Roads)

## Incident Description

A semi-trailer with a truck mounted hydraulic crane was returning to its depot when the passenger side crane outrigger leg extended 1.5m as it turned a corner. The truck was operated by a trucking company contracted by Stramit to deliver product. The truck was returning to its home depot, after having unloaded its load at a customer's site.

During this journey, the outrigger has come free from its "home" position.

The truck continued its journey with its outrigger leg extended, until it collided with a cyclist, who was fatally injured.



Outrigger came free from its "home" position whilst in transit

The incident is still subject to both internal and external investigations. These investigations have identified further controls that would significantly reduce the risk if an outrigger leg comes free from its secured position.

## Immediate Action Taken:

Safety Alert was sent to all business units highlighting the incident facts and reinforcing that:

- Outriggers have to be locked into "home" position prior to transit
- Outriggers to be operated in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines

## Further Follow-up

All crane mounted trucks operated as part of Fletcher Building's operations, shall have an audible alarm that will warn the driver if the outrigger leg is not secured in its travel position, prior to leaving a site, or should it slide out, while underway.

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