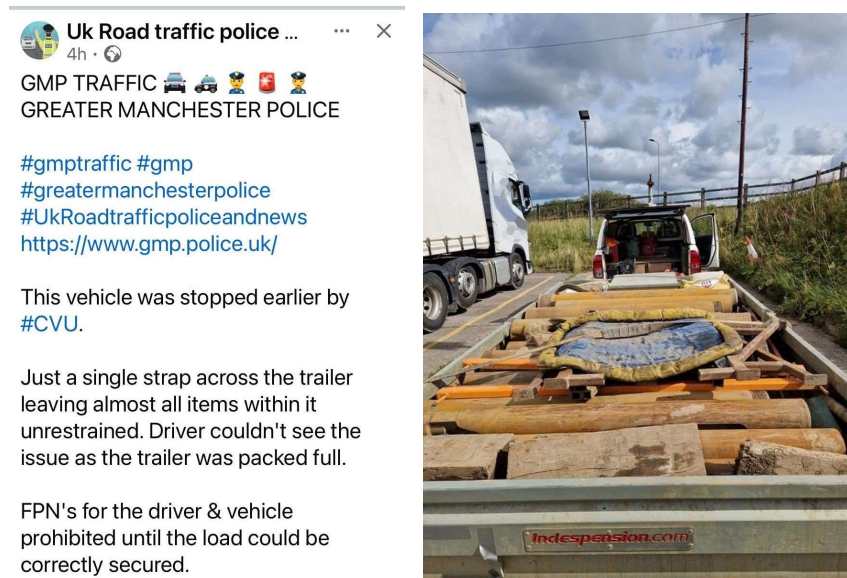


Safety Share 083

Description of task: It was noted via a social media post from Greater Manchester Police (GMP) that a drilling contractor was pulled over while mobilising to/demobilising from site. The identity of the drilling contractor is unknown.

What went wrong? The contractor was towing a drop-side plant trailer using a 4WD vehicle. The trailer was loaded with drilling equipment including casing, trestles and timbers. The load was secured by a single strap across the trailer. The driver incurred a fixed penalty notice for this transgression.



Photos from GMP social media post

Lessons Learned:

- If you are stopped by the police with an unsecure load you can be personally fined and you may incur points on your driving license.
- All loads should be secured appropriately before entering the highway.
- SOCOTEC have recently produced a series of visual toolbox talks on this subject
- If you are unsure how to secure a load correctly, ask.
- If you are unsure how to use a ratchet strap, ask.
- You should not take a flatbed to site to collect equipment without sufficient means to secure the load (ratchet straps and/or a cargo net).
- All incidents and near misses are to be reported to the incident helpline on 01327 810 666, via the app on your mobile device or via the Health & Safety tab on the intranet.