

**What Happened:**

On Thursday, July 16, 2015, a member of DiCocco personnel had finished work and was heading into Sarnia from the office. The truck was travelling east on Plank Rd heading toward Indian Rd.

The driver noticed a steel waste-bin flatbed was travelling in the opposite direction. The driver saw a piece of steel fly out of the steel bin and slowed down to avoid the impact.

The initial strike by the metal object was on the hood of the contractor's truck and then dragged on the hood and broke through the windshield striking the driver.

Injuries:

The driver put his arm up to protect himself and received a cut on his forearm that required eight stitches. His face and hand were also peppered with shards of glass. This could have been much more serious if the metal had struck the driver's head resulting in potential serious injury or death as well as the loss of control of the vehicle!

Corrective Action:

When transporting material from one location to another, make sure you tie down all contents in the bed of the truck. You could be impacting someone else's life as a result of not complying with appropriate rules and regulations.

What can you do? As a driver, be aware of what is going on around you and ask "what is the worst thing that could happen when evaluating hazards". As the operator of any vehicle, obey the legal requirements to secure the load.

Thanks to DiCocco Contractors for sharing this incident with the Safety Partnership!