Safe Working Practice for Tipping Vehicles

Good Practices – always ensure;

The load is evenly distributed
The load does not exceed the carrying capacity of the vehicle or axle loadings
Tyres and low-level equipment have not been damaged in off-road conditions
Tyre pressures are checked regularly
Sheets or nets adequately contain the load
Lights, reflective marker boards and number plates are undamaged, clean and operational
Wet loads are adequately drained
The vehicle is on firm level ground at all times
The area around the point of discharge is clear of personnel and obstructions
An exclusion zone is maintained around the vehicle during the tipping process
All personnel are well clear of a swinging tailgate
Access into the body is only by an approved method
Overhead cables and other obstructions are well clear of the vehicle at all times
A check is always made for overhead obstructions before tipping
Site rules are known, understood and observed at all times by drivers
All tipping procedures are adequately risk assessed and
A method statement for tipping procedures is prepared and understood by all

Do not under any circumstances;

Discharge a load if the vehicle is leaning sideways or on unstable ground
Do not continue to discharge if the vehicle begins to lean sideways whilst tipping
Discharge the load from an articulated vehicle if the tractor unit is not in line with the trailer
Drive with the body raised (other than the 10% to check/clear the tailgate)
Allow personnel to stand adjacent to a tipping body
Drive onto soft ground or close to excavations
Go under an un-propped body or tailboard and allow any other person to go under an un-propped body or tailgate
Enter the body when tipping or tipped
Use violent movements to release a ‘sticky’ load

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the SHEQ Department.