

Title	Respond to spillage, leakage, or loss of load when transporting goods by road		
Level	3	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: explain legal responsibilities of drivers for the security and containment of goods during transportation by road; describe situations when all or part of a load could be spilled, leaked, or lost during transportation by road; and respond to situations when all or part of a load is spilled, leaked, or lost during transportation by road.
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Classification	Commercial Road Transport > Commercial Road Transport Skills
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- This unit standard does not include driver actions in response to loss of loads of dangerous goods or substances. These skills and knowledge are covered in Unit 16718, *Demonstrate and apply knowledge of law and practice for the transport of Dangerous Goods by road*.
- Legal and formal requirements relevant to this unit standard include:
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
Land Transport Act 1998;
Local Government Act 2002;
Resource Management Act 1991;
Transit New Zealand Act 1989;
Local authority by-laws;
The Official New Zealand Truck Loading Code – Code of Practice for the Safety of Loads on Heavy Vehicles, available from [Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency](#).
- Any new, amended or replacement Acts, regulations, Rules, standards, codes of practice, or Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency requirements or conditions affecting this unit standard will take precedence for assessment purposes, pending review of this unit standard.
- Definitions
Incident plan is the emergency response plan for the candidate's own organisation. In the absence of any formal plan, candidates must either provide their own incident plan or comply with organisational requirements.
Loss of load refers to any fall or escape of all or part of the solid load from the vehicle during transportation by road.

Organisational requirements include any legal requirements, standards, codes of practice, organisational and/or site requirements, industry best practice, and manufacturers' instructions. These must be available to candidates, providers, and assessors.

Spillage and *leakage* refer to any fall or escape of all or part of a liquid or gaseous load from the vehicle during transportation by road.

- 5 Assessment against outcomes 2 and 3 should be conducted in a simulated situation.
- 6 Range
A minimum of two spillage, leakage, or loss of load situations is required for outcomes 2 and 3.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Explain legal responsibilities of drivers for the security and containment of goods during transportation by road.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Driver responsibilities for load security are explained in accordance with legal requirements.
- 1.2 Driver responsibilities in the event of spillage, leakage, or loss of load are explained in accordance with legal requirements.
- 1.3 The consequences of spillage, leakage, or loss of load are explained in terms of legal liabilities of driver.
- Range consequences may include – physical damage to environment, contamination of waterways, safety of other road users.
- 1.4 Penalties that may be imposed for failure to secure and contain load on vehicle are explained in terms of driver and employer liability.

Outcome 2

Describe situations when all or part of a load could be spilled, leaked, or lost during transportation by road.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Causes of spillage, leakage, or loss of load in terms of cause and effect are described.
- Range road crash, driver error, equipment failure, gross negligence.

Outcome 3

Respond to situations when all or part of a load is spilled, leaked, or lost during transportation by road.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Spillage, leakage, or loss of load is assessed to determine actions required in accordance with legal requirements and incident plan.
- 3.2 The spillage, leakage, or loss of load is reported in accordance with legal requirements and incident plan.
- 3.3 Personal protective equipment as required by the product spilled, leaked, or lost is used in accordance with legal requirements and incident plan.
- 3.4 The spillage, leakage, or loss of load is controlled in accordance with legal requirements and incident plan.

Range requirements may include – stabilisation of vehicle and load, containment, dilution, removal, isolation of the public from the scene, security of load from pillage, personal risk management, export/import consignments not yet cleared by Customs.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0014
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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