

SAFETY ALERT

Operative struck by a moving excavator

During the delivery of material on one of our contracts a delivery driver was caught between the rear of his stationary wagon and a reversing 14t excavator.

The injured man sustained two broken ankles, a broken leg, a broken pelvis and facial injuries. He remains in hospital in a stable condition.

An investigation is ongoing but all contracts should carry out the actions below.



Action to be taken:

Review arrangements for vehicle/plant movements to check there are effective measures in place to segregate people from moving plant/vehicles including:

- Effective segregation of pedestrians from traffic routes across all work sites.
- For every task where plant is to be used set out the measures to ensure that nobody is working within the area of any movement of the plant/vehicles that could result in them coming into contact with that plant.
- A safe area around all plant is established so that nobody enters until they have attracted the attention of the operator and he has put his machine into a safe position and called the person forward. This includes anybody acting as a banksman or slinger/signaller.
- That all drivers and pedestrians know and understand what they must do to comply with the above.
- That managers and supervisors are confirming that the safe systems of work are being followed when work of this nature is being undertaken.