



HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

Operative Killed by a Dumper

WHAT HAPPENED

Tragically, a death occurred on site when a ground worker was run over and killed whilst carrying out work within close proximity to a dumper. The area where the incident occurred was under the control of an external Principal Contractor.

Due to the nature of the task that was being carried out, the dumper operator did not notice the location of his colleague who was crouched down several meters behind the dumper as it began to reverse.

ACTION TO TAKE

WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION: Contracts Managers, SMs/ ASMs, Site Agents, Site Teams, Machine Driver and Ground Works Supervisors.

WHAT TO DO

- Ensure that all machine drivers are qualified and authorised to operate the machine they are assigned to use (CPCS, NPORS and hold a full driving licence).
- Segregation is in place, where reasonably practicable to keep people away from machines.
- Reversing in confined spaces, close to pedestrians or pedestrian walkways must be done under the guidance of a banksman.
- When operatives are working close to plant, the driver must make eye contact with the operative and get the thumbs up of them prior to moving the machine.
- The driver must be 100% sure that there are no operatives close to or inside the machines blind spots. If necessary the driver should get out of the machine and do a 360° walk around it to satisfy that no one is in the peripherals of the machine.