



HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

Telehandler/Lifting Equipment Defects

WHAT HAPPENED

There has been an increased number of serious defects being reported for our lifting equipment such as Telehandlers when the equipment has undergone its thorough examination by HSB, our External Engineers.

The machine must not be used; if

The defects found:

- Result in imminent danger and require attention immediately.
- Could, in time, result in danger and require attention within a specified time period.

The Engineer inspecting the machine, will inform the site team that the machine must not be used until the defect has been rectified by a qualified and competent Engineer.

The Engineer is required by law to inform the HSE of such defects, upon receipt of this notification we are usually asked by the HSE to confirm that the machine has been taken immediately out of use and provide evidence that the defect has been remedied.

ACTION TO TAKE

WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION: Contracts Managers, SMs/ ASMs, Telehandler and Machine Operators

WHAT TO DO

Immediately upon receiving notice that the machine has a serious safety defect the following action must be taken:

- The machine must be parked up and NOT used.
- The maintenance company used by the operating business must be called out and tasked to repair the machine.
- Only when the defects have been rectified and the Engineer repairing the machine has given permission in writing may the machine be used.

Other safety critical issues picked up through routine maintenance checks, such as lights or seat belts not working, the machine must not be used until the defect has been rectified.

Please remember the machine telematics can be checked by the Group HS&E Dept. and if the machine has been used with a known serious safety defect then this may result in disciplinary action against the Site Manager and/ or Telehandler/ Machine Operator.