

Telehandler Accident - Plant / People Interface

SafetyAlert

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Description:

On the 27th October 2016 at approximately 0800 hours an operative was assisting in relocating an empty tank to enable access to a manhole cover within a depot.

Whilst undertaking the activity the operative's foot came into contact with the front wheel of a tele-handler which was being used to lift the tank.

The operative was taken to hospital where they were diagnosed with multiple fractures to their foot.



(Tele-handler and fuel tank)

Investigation/ findings:

A full investigation is underway and this alert will be updated and redistributed once the investigation findings are known.

Following this accident consider the following:

- Review plant & people interface risk assessments, method statements (RAMS) and the controls in place for adequacy.
- Ensure RAMS are briefed to and understood by all parties prior to work starting.
- As per Raising the Bar 3 the risk assessment process for all mobile plant / vehicles must have a risk / no risk zone identified, with the risk zone acting as an exclusion area for all persons.
- Where it is not possible to physically prevent persons from entering the risk zone, then an effective control system (e.g. proximity warning technology, mechanical restrictor) should be selected, implemented and established as a minimum around all moving plant.
- For further advice and guidance on plant person interface can be found on the [Highways Safety Hub](#) website.

Further Information:

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