

Recovery Operative Injury

Safety Alert

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Description:

A broken down recovery vehicle (BDV) was being recovered.

The recovery vehicle had taken the weight of the BDV using a hydraulic vehicle lift attached to the front wheels.

The IP went to apply a clamp and set of chains to the BDV, as they were doing this the BDV dropped striking the IP causing two cuts to his head.

The IP was taken to hospital and received stitches to the cuts, they were later discharged from hospital.

A full investigation is underway.

Below – A typical layout of heavy recovery vehicles, hydraulic lifting assembly.



Further Information:

For further information please contact the National Health and Safety Team via email on:
NH&ST@highwaysengland.co.uk

Learning:

- **Review the pre-lift inspection plan and ensure the following is included:**
- **Confirmation that the vehicle being recovered has its air hand break applied.**
- **Chocks are applied to both rear wheels to prevent the vehicle rolling backwards.**
- **Once the full investigation has been completed we will share any further learning**