

Scottish road worker death – hit by moving vehicle

Incident Description

A South Lanarkshire Council road worker has died after being hit by a truck whilst carrying out resurfacing work activities. The incident happened on Calderwood Road, a local authority road, in East Kilbride on the afternoon of Saturday the 8th of July.

Initial reports released have stated that the road worker was hit by a truck that was also involved in the road repairs. Despite the efforts of firefighters and an air ambulance the injuries received were fatal and the road worker died at the scene. No-one else was injured.

A full investigation into the circumstances of the incident is underway.

Advice & Guidance

Whilst the incident is still under investigation it is important to recognise that the work being carried out at the time of the incident is similar to activities undertaken on behalf of Highways England, where site operatives work in close proximity to plant and machinery.

In light of this tragic event, and similar incidents that have happened on Highways England schemes, it is essential that this alert is briefed to all employees who work closely with plant and machinery.

Actions

- Review plant & people interface risk assessments and controls.
- 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.
- If it is not possible to physically segregate persons from entering the risk zone, then an effective control system (e.g. proximity warning technology, mechanical restrictors) should be selected, implemented and established as a minimum.
- When working at night ensure people and plant are adequately lit and visible.
- Ensure anybody writing risk assessments are competent to do so and *importantly* they recognise the need for dynamic risk assessments during operations.
- For further advice and guidance on plant person interface can be found on the [Highways Safety Hub](#) website.

Further Information:

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