

## White Lining Machine Incident

### Description:

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a supervisor (IP-injured party) was training an operative to drive a white lining vehicle when the glass bead applicator became blocked. The supervisor disembarked from the machine whilst it was still moving (at 4kmph) without communicating their intention to do so to the driver.

Whilst attempting to climb back onto the moving machine, the IP slipped and fell to the ground. The machine then rolled over both legs resulting in severe grazing and bruising.



Legs trapped under wheel

### Investigation/ findings:

The investigation determined that the IP tried to climb onto the vehicle at a non-recognised access point whilst it was still in motion.

The Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) did not consider the presence of a second person on the machine for training purposes, nor did it state the requirement for the vehicle to be stationary prior to operatives alighting.

### Learning/ Actions:

- Review RAMS associated with working on plant or machinery to ensure they are suitable and sufficient.
- Ensure the controls in these assessments are discussed and understood by each individual before work begins
- Personnel must not access or egress moving machinery
- Ensure all operators are suitably trained and competent to use the machinery

### Further Information:

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