

Delivery Driver Fell Whilst Exiting Vehicle

Overview

On the 21st of November a third party delivery driver, working on behalf of Tarmac in Area 13, parked his vehicle within the holding area of a lane closure next to live traffic. He attempted to exit his vehicle to secure his mud guards in preparation for being called to tip the load. In doing so the driver fell from his cab and landed between cones adjacent to the live lane. Fortunately another delivery driver was able to assist the driver to safety. The driver escaped with minor bruises, and was lucky not to have been struck by a moving vehicle.

Immediate Cause

- It is unclear if the driver applied the correct 3 points of contact when exiting his vehicle.
- The delivery driver did not wait in the correct holding area as detailed in the night map.
- The position of the vehicle was too close to the cones to allow for a safe exit without encroaching into the 1.2 metre safety zone.



Actions

- Drivers and passengers to apply the correct 3 points of contact technique when entering/exiting their vehicles.



- All drivers must follow site instructions and the instruction of the on-site Banksman. If there are any problems they must contact the site Supervisor or Banksman.
- When on site, drivers must not exit their vehicle unless they have been given clear information on where the safe areas are located or when instructed to do so by site personnel i.e. the Banksman.
- Site plans to ensure that areas are clearly shown where vehicles can be safely exited and the 1.2 metre Safety Zone is maintained.