

Litter Picking incident – A1(M)

Safety Alert

May 2017

Description:

On the 4th May 17 at approximately 9.05am, operatives were litter picking on the verge of the A1(M) between junctions 61 & 62 northbound. The work was being undertaken under verge work traffic management. A third party vehicle overtook an HGV at speed before veering from lane 2 across all lanes and the hard shoulder, colliding with the works pickup vehicle that was stationary on the verge. This impact resulted in the pickup being pushed into lanes 1 and 2.

Two operatives in the vehicle sustained minor injuries and another, stood outside the pickup, sustained a foot injury following a glancing blow as the pickup moved forward.



Investigation/ findings:

The investigation found that the operatives were working in accordance with the relevant risk assessment and method statements. The RAMS were deemed to be suitable and sufficient for the task. This incident occurred due to third party driver error.

Learning:

- **All relevant teams should review IAN 115/08 (Guidance for Works on the Hard Shoulder and Road Side Verges on High Speed Dual Carriageways) and ensure the principles are adhered to**
- **Review all risk assessments and method statements associated with working on or next to the carriageway to ensure they are suitable and sufficient. Ensure the controls in these assessments are discussed with teams before work begins**
- **Remain vigilant for third party vehicles at all times whilst working on the verge.**
- **Ensure all near misses involving third party drivers are reported and if necessary, recorded on AIRSweb.**

Further Information:

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