

Greater Manchester Waste SAFETY ALERT

Operative sustains serious Injuries after Fall from mobile plant

An operative sustained serious injuries after falling 1.5 metres from the cab of an excavator. The Injured Person had parked the excavator and was leaving the cab when the fall occurred and an investigation is ongoing, however in the interim period the actions listed need to be carried out.

Accessing and egressing the cab on all mobile plant should be assessed and checked daily to ensure damage has not occurred and any build-up of mud or waste is cleared to prevent falls from height. This includes mobile plant such as cherry pickers and scissor lifts / MEWPs where operatives climb in and out of man baskets where trips & falls could occur.

Cab floors, access steps and MEWP baskets should be maintained and tools etc. should not be stored where they could present a hazard to operators.



Action to be taken:

1. This Safety Alert should be briefed to all staff and plant operators on the GMW Project.
2. All mobile plant should be inspected as a matter of urgency for damage to access steps and any other ancillary access & egress equipment (Handles, Floor Mats etc.).
3. If any damage, or build-up of mud is identified the equipment must be cleaned or be repaired.



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