



Safety Alert

M6 J33-34 Accident

20 August 2020

The following pages of this safety alert were issued by Highways England's supply chain partner:

Jointline

WHAT HAPPENED?

On the 11th of August whilst on stud removal and backfill operations operatives reversed a Jointline vehicle into the live traffic lane outside the TM boundaries causing a serious RTC.

This accident has left a member of the public with significant injuries and has the potential to be life changing.



HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

The method used by the operatives to move the vehicle did not follow Jointlines procedures or site induction rules and allowed the vehicle to enter a live traffic lane.

HOW IS THE INJURED MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC?

The injured driver of the vehicle in the live lane is suffering from a broken collar bone, acute whiplash, and anxiety.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

All plant, people & vehicle interface controls were considered to be suitable and sufficient prior to the works being carried out.

Whilst it is stated that all vehicles are to remain in the confines of Traffic Management unless using the correct entry and exit points it was not stated that if vehicles had to manoeuvre whilst inside the works that reversing towards a live lane was prohibited.

As a result of reviewing existing controls Jointline have mandated that if you do not have to turn a vehicle around, you **DON'T**.

Consider the following:

- Working area design and planning - Can the working area and vehicle/plant selection remove the necessity for the reversing manoeuvre?
- Use the Traffic Management correct exit/entry points - Manoeuvre plant into the correct position by using the Traffic Management exit/entry points.
- After considering the 2 points above, if there is absolutely no alternative **STOP** and consult your Supervisor. Additional checks may be required to facilitate the manoeuvre safely.



ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST

