



Safety Alert

High Potential Near Miss – Plant & Operator procurement

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A recent high potential near miss reported involving a JCB Hydradig machine has provided essential learning.

The near miss occurred when the operator was attempting to dislodge / remove the broken surface and mistakenly moved the machine attachment in the wrong direction, resulting in contact with the side of the excavation where an Operative had previously been standing.

The Operator on hire from our supply chain had the necessary minimum qualification to operate the BCS machine, however, he had not operated the Hydradig previously.



Learning Points

- Always make sure that the Operator is familiar with the model and operation of the machine even though they are able to present evidence of qualification/ticket/card for the type of machine
- Follow the correct procedure for the procurement of plant and Operators CPR328 - BCS - Equipment Hire Management Including Machine Operator Hire
- Initially monitor newly inducted Operator's familiarisation with the machine and feedback any concerns immediately to your Supervisor.
- Always remember, the controls can be different from one machine to another, hence Operator familiarisation is essential.
- Only authorised machines and Operators that have been approved through the correct process are to be used.



If you have any queries around the correct procedure and documentation required to procure a machine and/or operator please contact Danny Reilly Danny.Reilly1@bcsgroup.co.uk

Don't forget to send any front foot activity details that you and your team are currently undertaking to 3PillarFrontFootActions@barhale.co.uk