



Safety Alert

Skip lorry driver trapped between skips

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STOP Think! Moment

Skip Lorry Driver Trapped Between Skips

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What happened?

A skip lorry driver was hooking up a loaded skip to remove it from site. An excavator working nearby on top of a stone pile moved some steel pipes which struck another skip which in turn hit another skip which then trapped (momentarily) the skip lorry driver between that and the skip he was hooking up. The skip lorry driver was able to immediately free himself and sat on the ground. An ambulance was called as a precaution.

Impacts

- The driver was attended to by the ambulance service and was taken to hospital for further checks to a painful eye/head and arm. He was released later the same day with bruising. He returned to the site to collect his belongings and is expected to return to work tomorrow.
- Works on the site have been stood down to allow the investigation to take place.

Initial Learning

- ✓ When using mobile plant, an assessment should be made to determine the controls required. E.g. segregation by physical barrier and/or use of a vehicle marshal.
- ✓ Adjacent works should be stood down if required.

Further information will be shared following the conclusion of the investigation



STOP Think!
Have a conversation!
Make the right choice the SAFE choice.

