



Safety Alert

Supervisor Fatality involving road sweeper

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Date/ Time

May 2023

Location

Non-Hanson Site, No Hanson Personnel Involved

Description

Supervisor Fatality involving Road Sweeper

On the morning of Friday 5th May 2023, delayed resurfacing was being carried out on a residential road, when an **Experienced Supervisor** was involved in a **Fatal Incident** with a **Road Sweeper**.

Two ambulances, an Air Ambulance and the Police attended site in response, but the supervisor was pronounced dead at the scene of the incident.

At this time only limited details about the incident are available. Incident investigation by the Police and Health & Safety Executive (HSE) is currently ongoing.



The incident occurred on this typical residential road which was closed for resurfacing work.

The control, management and best practice around **People, Plant and Vehicles Interfaces** is an area of challenge for the highways sector and people continue to be killed.

Including this fatality, in the past few years the following lives have been lost in the **Undertaking of Surfacing and Pavement Works**. This excludes deaths from incursions/traffic management breaches.

When	Who Killed	Plant/Vehicle Involved
May 2023	Supervisor	Road Sweeper
November 2022	Supervisor	Roller
July 2022	Operative	HIAB Lorry
May 2022	Operative	Road Sweeper
June 2018	Operative	Road Sweeper
July 2017	Operative	Tipper Lorry



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Key Learning Points:

On sites there are some more obvious, routine interfaces between people, plant and vehicles, but there are probably also some occasional and less obvious interfaces - we must not be complacent or desensitised to any of these as the outcome could be tragic.

Below are **Behaviours** and **Working Practices** needed to help to keep you and others safe on site:

For people on site:



- Wear clean reflective PPE to maximise your visibility on site
- Get acknowledgement/thumbs up from operators/drivers before approaching moving or idling plant/vehicles
- Only work around plant/vehicles where suitably isolated and where operators/drivers are aware of your task
- Report any unsafe situations you experience or observe to Hanson/your employer to highlight need for action

For plant operators/vehicle drivers:



- Carry out daily pre-use inspections, including condition/function of visual and safety aids
- Report defects and do not use/remove from service plant/vehicles with safety critical/Cat A defects
- Check it is clear around your plant/vehicle before starting manoeuvres.
- Report any unsafe situations you experience or observe to Hanson/your employer to highlight need for action

For planning works on site:



- Assess working room and sequence different operations/activities to provide suitable/sufficient separation
- Define arrangements for and means to enforce different types of people/plant & vehicle interface
- Provide clear communication on controls/arrangements to be followed by workers, operators and drivers
- Provide clear communication on controls/arrangements to be followed by relevant others (eg public/residents)