

## Baroness Mulcher Operative Broken Leg

## SafetyAlert

November 2015

*The following alert has been issued on behalf of AONE+ as a result of a recent serious accident*

### Incident description:

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 an A-one+ operative suffered a broken right fibula while carrying out soft estate works on the verge of the A1 (T) Newcastle near Fawdon interchange. At this stage of the investigation it is believed that while the operative was using a tracked mulcher he turned the machine and it slipped a short distance (estimates approximately 3 feet) down a gradient and trapped his legs between the machine and the open box beam vehicle restraint system (VRS).

### Investigation/findings:

The incident is currently under investigation.



### Further Information:

If you require any advice or guidance on any health and safety aspect associated with this incident please do not hesitate to contact:

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### Actions:

- **Specific to A1 (T) Interchange** - due to the current weather conditions this site has been subjected to A-one+ cannot rule out the ground conditions may have been a factor that has contributed to this event.
  - A-one+ has decided to HALT all activities using similar stand on tracked plant on verges with gradients until further information has been gathered on the investigation.
- Note: Baroness Mulcher is still being used on level surfaces.
- **All other suppliers** - similar equipment used on slopes by the supply chain should be reviewed to assure themselves that works have controls in place to minimise a similar incident.

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