

Worker struck and injured by tipper truck

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The UK HSE reports the prosecution of a building contractor after a worker was struck and injured by a tipper truck.

What happened?

The incident occurred at a time of simultaneous operations; there were a number of tipper trucks delivering material to the site and various workers were directing the drivers to different areas.

What went wrong? What were the causes?

The injured worker was walking along a haul road in an attempt to attract the attention of a vehicle in another area of the site when he was struck and run over by a tipper truck. The worker suffered serious injuries including several broken bones in both legs and feet and severe damage to the blood vessels in his legs. His injuries resulted in him having his right leg amputated to the knee over 12 months after the incident.

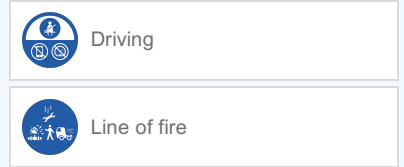
A HSE investigation found that there were insufficient protected walkways across the site and that there was no control over access to the site. The investigation also found that there was an accepted practice of walking on haul roads and that there was a lack of an up to date traffic management plan.

It was noted that worksites where plant and pedestrians may be operating together should be organised in a way which prevents pedestrians and vehicles coming into contact with each other. This is as true of quaysides and dry dock bottoms as it is of the land-based construction site in this example.

The full press release can be found on the HSE website.

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