UK SAFETY ALERT

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TRUCKMIXER DRIVER – FALL ON CUSTOMER SITE

Details of Incident

A Truckmixer Driver was delivering his first load of the day. Once the load had been discharged, he used a walkway between previously poured pads, in order to seek the Site Foreman and get his delivery docket signed. As he approached the Foreman, he noticed he was on the telephone, so turned back in the direction of his truck and in doing so fell to the floor.

The Driver sustained a spiral fracture to his left femur (thigh bone). Whilst there were two construction worker's near by, who were alerted to the incident when they heard the Driver's hard hat fall to the floor, no one observed exactly what happened. When interviewed, the Driver was perplexed as to how the incident occurred. He made mention that his foot may have been close up to the formwork, restricting his twisting movement, putting pressure on his femur as he turned around. Alternatively the twisting motion may in itself have caused the injury. There were no visible external lacerations or marks that could be seen on his legs or on his overalls.

A subsequent consultation with a physician, arranged through the CEMEX health provider, identified no underlying health issues and thought it plausible that this low impact incident caused the injury.

Key Findings

- · Housekeeping on site was to a good standard.
- The Driver's boots were found to be in a suitable condition.
- He was not using his phone at the time of the incident.

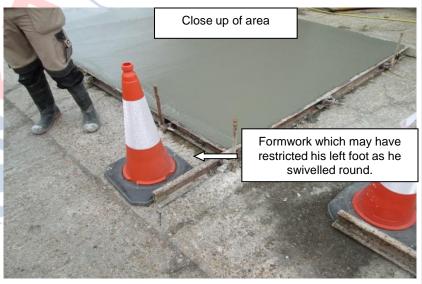
- The driver received the IHC back to work training package 2016 that included MYSPACE principles.
- The Driver didn't fully identify the protruding formwork as a potential slip and trip hazard, and therefore took the direct route through the middle of the more congested area of the site.

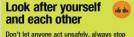
How Could This Incident Have Been Avoided?

• A safer route was available around the outside of the working area.

Key Review Points

- Are there clear designated walkways on our sites, segregated from vehicles, where the risk of slips, trips and falls are minimised?
- Do we all **Stop & Think** and always take the time to look for the safest route when walking from A to B?





Don't let anyone act unsafely, always stop unsafe practices.



Keep designated access routes and work areas tidy and free from trip/slip hazards.

Personal Protective 📀 Equipment

Always wear the correct PPE.

Safe Systems

Follow safe systems of work, site rules, signage and traffic signals.



