



## DRIVER INJURES HAND IN FALL

### Details of Incident

A truckmixer Driver was waiting behind a colleague's vehicle to discharge a load of concrete at a customer's site, which was to form part of a yard extension.

The client's yard was a busy builder merchant, which was fully open to the public, and the Drivers were required to drive through the working yard area and park up in close proximity to the pour location.

Having reversed into position, the Driver left his vehicle and walked to the rear of the truck to speak to a colleague, who had just finished the previous delivery; however, as he was walking back, he stumbled and fell towards the rear of his truck. He put out his left hand to try and prevent the fall, but caught and injured it against the rear light cluster of his truck as he fell.

### Key Findings

- The weather, lighting and ground conditions in the area were reasonably good.
- The Driver was wearing the required Personal Protective Equipment.
- There was a slight ramp from the concrete slab down to a hardcore compacted base.
- No induction was provided by our customer / contractors on site.
- No reversing assistance was provided by our customer / contractors on site.
- The Driver was wearing a large wrist watch, which compressed the wrist area to some extent when the fall occurred.

### How Could This Incident Have Been Avoided?

- By taking greater care and looking where we are placing our feet.
- By taking time and not rushing.
- By informing the customer of hazards or problems on site.

### Key Review Points

- **The Driver was expected to manoeuvre his truck with no reversing assistant or guidance through a busy yard and required to park close to a colleague's vehicle.** Are trained Banksmen provided where existing traffic management is inadequate? Do we inform customers of hazards or issues on site prior to discharge? Where concerns are not addressed, are they brought to the attention of the relevant CEMEX Supervisor / Manager?
- **The Driver is unsure as to what specifically caused him to stumble.** Do Drivers adopt the "MYSPACE" philosophy when visiting customers' sites? Do they visually assess the working area and surroundings for hazards and, where significant hazards are identified, is corrective action taken? Is everyone encouraged to use the Near Miss / Hazard Alert reporting system?
- Do you consider how jewellery and loose clothing may create additional hazards?
- **Staying fit and healthy is important to maintain a good quality of life and minimise the risk of injury.**
- Is everyone encouraged to take part in health and wellbeing initiatives, to help keep fit and alert.

Customer's site / yard



Injury to wrist



### Look after yourself and each other

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

### Housekeeping

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

### Personal Protective Equipment

Always wear the correct PPE.

### Incident/Hazard alerts

Report all incidents/hazards immediately.