

# SAFETY ALERT

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## MIXER DRIVER INJURED CLEANING THE ROTATING DRUM

### DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

A contracted mixer truck driver was washing the rotating drum of his mixer truck with a broom while the truck was being drained. The broom had a broken handle end. Then the contractor's hand jammed between the tube, the rigid water pipe and the rotating drum. The contractor cut himself at the base of his thumb. He was evacuated to the hospital and received 6 stitches.

### KEY FINDINGS

- ✓ The driver was wearing gloves.
- ✓ The driver has more than 10 years of experience as a mixer truck driver.
- ✗ The driver was cleaning the crown while the mixer truck was draining (drum rotation, nip point...).
- ✗ The driver used a broom with a broken handle end.

### HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

- By using the good tools : cleaning the rotating drum from the ground with a telescopic broom.
- By not cleaning the crown when the mixer truck drum was in motion.

### KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Forbid cleaning the crown when the mixer truck drum is in motion.
- Raise drivers' risks (nip point) awareness especially those ones present in the rotating drum/crown area.
- Share the Safety Alerts with haulage companies' owners and drivers (including the ones from the French Industry Association (SNBPE)) in order to raise their awareness on safety issues.



Hand injury



Rigid water pipe

### Tools and Equipment

Use the right, well maintained, tools/ equipment for the job. Never make do.

### Incident/Hazard alerts

Report all incidents/hazards immediately.

### Safe Systems

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

### Isolation Procedures

Never work on live or moving machinery – always 'lock out'.

