

# UK SAFETY ALERT

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## HIPO – DRIVER PUTS HIMSELF AT RISK WHILST WORKING ALONE

### DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

Returning to site from a vehicle maintenance workshop repair, a RMX truck mixer driver heard noises coming from inside the mixer drum. Working alone on site, he reversed the vehicle into the wash out bay to discharge the object causing the noise.

He then proceeded to investigate further by attempting to access the drum via the fixed ladder platform, above the handrail and without wearing any protective clothing or equipment. Thankfully he wasn't injured; however, due to his risk taking behaviour, he is no longer working on behalf of the business.



### KEY FINDINGS

- Driver returned to site after production hours.
- Driver worked alone.
- Driver did not wear PPE.
- Driver put himself at risk by working at height, unsupervised & without appropriate access equipment.
- STOP & THINK behaviour not used.
- Driver Induction training completed including CEMEX Safety Essentials & MYSPACE elements.
- Driver not aware of Site Lone Working Procedure

### HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

- Use of STOP & THINK approach
- Follow CEMEX Safety Lone Working Process
- Report defects to line manager
- Follow risk assessment principles

### KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Review Lone Working procedures, ensuring they are communicated & understood by drivers.
- Never work at height without adequate fall protection.
- Communicate all relevant rules & procedures

### Look after yourself and each other

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

### Personal Protective Equipment

Always wear the correct PPE.

### Safe Systems

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

### Working At Height

Use appropriate access equipment and fall protection.

### Incident/Hazard alerts

Report all incidents/hazards immediately.



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## PLANT OPERATOR TRAPS HAND IN WEIGHTED SWINGING GATE

### DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

A Plant Operator on an aggregates processing plant observed that the flow of material through the plant was too high.

When investigating at the feeder, he believed material was caught behind a weighted swinging gate used to regulate the flow.

The Operative placed his hand on the gate to pull and release suspected material, when he released pressure, the gate swung shut trapping his index finger.

The Operative attended hospital where 3 stitches were applied.




### KEY FINDINGS

- There was no risk assessment or safe system of work for clearing the weighted swinging gate.
- There was no recognised method of clearing the gate.
- Although standard gloves were being worn, the Operator's hand was placed "in the line of fire".
- The Operator is a new starter (although experienced in the industry) and had not received training on operation of the feeder.
- The increased flow of material could have led to spillage downstream, which may have led to some haste.


### KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Ensure all employees, including new starters, receive sufficient training and are competent for the full range of tasks required.
- Ensure risk assessment and safe systems for tasks are in place and communicated to relevant persons.
- Ensure appropriate guarding of trapping points.
- Do not position yourself in the line of fire.

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

**Personal Protective Equipment**   
Always wear the correct PPE.

**Tools and Equipment**   
Use the right, well maintained, tools/equipment for the job. Never make do.

**Manual Handling**   
Use mechanical aids or ask for help to reduce risks.

