

# SAFETY ALERT

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## 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.

## Incident/Hazard alerts

Report all incidents/hazards immediately.



STOP THINK ACT

## TRUCKMIXER DRIVER FRACTURES ANKLE WHILST COLLECTING HOSE TO WASH TRUCK

### DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

After returning to the ready-mix plant following a delivery to a customer's site, the truckmixer driver positioned his vehicle in the wash down area in preparation for his next delivery. As work had finished, he decided to wash out his drum, so started to fill the drum using a stand pipe. After turning on the water, he walked over to get a hosepipe to wash the rear of his truck. He stepped up the kerb to gather the hosepipe and, on turning around to head back to his truck, stepped down from the kerb without looking where he was placing his feet. He stepped onto the drainage gully, which was at a slightly different level to the surrounding ground, and stumbled, fracturing his leg (fibula) just above the ankle.

### KEY FINDINGS

- Housekeeping was good, with the wash area free from slurry.
- There was good natural lighting in the area.
- The drivers PPE was in good condition, including his boots.
- The drivers had been inducted to site.
- Video evidence shows the driver was not rushing, but was looking in a different direction to where he was placing his feet
- The drainage gully cover was at a slightly different level to the surrounding ground
- The driver's left foot slipped when stepping down from collecting the hose, causing him to fall to the floor.

### HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

- Consider where we are putting our feet – use safe access routes
- **STOP & THINK** before proceeding with the task

### KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Are **TAKE 5** and **MYSPLACE** principles followed by all drivers, including contract hauliers?
- **TAKE 5** - do we **STOP, THINK** and **ACT**, ensuring our work area is safe before completing a task?
- Are we proactive in identifying, communicating and managing risks especially on sites?



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