

SAFETY ALERT

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FLT DROVE OVER DRIVER'S FOOT (HIGH POTENTIAL INCIDENT – HIPO)

DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

A packed cement contractor driver was delivering to a builders merchant's yard. He had drawn back the curtains and was releasing the specific strapping system the vehicle has fitted. As he was doing this, the Forklift Truck (FLT) driver started offloading the pallets. The FLT removed a pallet and went around the rear of the packed vehicle, the vehicle driver was also to the rear of the other side of the trailer and the FLT ran over his foot. Thankfully the driver's safety boots took the impact and he only suffered a bruised toe.

KEY FINDINGS

- The driver wasn't in a place of safety when the unloading by the FLT started (either in the cab or a designated area)
- The builders merchant didn't have an agreed process for driver safety during the unloading of vehicles
- Members of the public, either on foot or in vehicles are moving around the yard area whilst mobile plant is operating
- The driver was wearing hi-vis and safety footwear

HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

- The customer should have ensured the driver was in a place of safety before commencing unloading
- The driver should have insisted on preparing the vehicle for unloading before allowing movements by the FLT operator
- Effective pedestrian and vehicle segregation

KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Review the CEMEX Packed and Concrete Products driver induction and 'Take 5 for Drivers' to remind and prompt the driver to be in a safe position during FLT movements
- Review and amend Customer Safety Leaflet to reinforce to customers the need for a safe position for a driver before any movement of mobile plant
- Share Safety Alert with similar CEMEX operations who offload this type of vehicle and also with the industry



Position of driver as he was moving towards the back of the trailer and the FLT headed towards him

Look after yourself and each other

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

Personal Protective Equipment

Always wear the correct PPE.

Driving

Drive safely, ensure you are authorised and that vehicles/mobile plant are well maintained.

Safe Systems

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



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