

SAFETY ALERT

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HIPO – ACCESS TO RESTRICTED AREA CONTAINING MOVING MACHINERY

DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

- 2 Cemex visitors arrived on site and were being accompanied during a tour of the operation
- During the tour the visitors were led into an operational area containing automated machinery, while the group were standing in the area the machinery started moving within close proximity to where the group were positioned
- Concerns were raised to the site personnel and the area was vacated

KEY FINDINGS

- The visitors received a full site induction and were being escorted by 3 experienced personnel
- During the Induction the area containing the automated machinery had been highlighted as a restricted 'no go' area as the equipment was in operation
- The visitors were unfamiliar with the layout of the site
- No warning signage or controlled access gates were present in the area directly leading to the automated equipment
- A decision was made to escort the visitors into the area to gain a better view of the equipment whilst in operation
- The risk was not immediately identified until the automated machinery moved within the area where the group were standing
- There were several opportunities to 'STEP IN' leading up to the point where the group accessed the area, unfortunately these were not taken

HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

- By ensuring induction procedures are robust, safety information given during the induction process must be clear, fully understood and strictly enforced at all times, especially when visitors may be unfamiliar with the site
- Keep to authorised pedestrian routes where possible
- The area containing the Automated equipment was restricted and should not have been accessed when in operation

KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Is machinery effectively guarded as per **CEMEX** standards
- Do risk assessments consider automated machinery movements and possible 'line of fire' in surrounding areas
- Are areas where automatic machinery may be operating sufficiently controlled to prevent access to moving equipment (Distance guarding/audible warning/signage)
- Are we pro-active in STEPPING IN when we see a potential risk
- Are we vigilant during visits especially when people may be unfamiliar with the site
- Do we **TAKE-5, STOP AND THINK**



Look after yourself and each other



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

Isolation Procedures



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

Tools and Equipment



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

Safe Systems



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



STOP THINK ACT