# SAFETY ALERT HIPO - DRIVERS PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK

## **DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT**

On a Sunday morning, two contractors were observed trying to attach new branding logos to their truck mixer. The contractors were seen using the site wheelie bin to access the truck mixer drum. The contractors were working without the correct permission, no Permit to Work had been issued and there was a significant lack of any personal protective equipment (PPE). Fortunately, a company vessel was moored on the neighbouring wharf and the crew observed the incident and STEPPED IN, with all works being stopped.

KEY FINDINGS	
Look After Yourself and Each Other	STOP & THINK behaviour not used.
Safe Systems	Drivers returned to site out of production hours.
	No Permit to Work was issued and the contractors worked without supervision.
	Driver induction training completed, including Safety Essentials & MYSPACE elements.
	Activity was not within the agreed Independent Haulage Contractor (IHC) permitted vehicle maintenance activities.
Working at Height	Inappropriate access used to work at height.
Personal Protective Equipment	Drivers did not wear PPE.

# **HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED**

- Use of Take 5 / STOP & THINK approach.
- Compliance with site procedures, including obtaining a Permit to Work from a company representative and the requirement for supervision.
- Follow ERIC P and Risk Assessment principles to identify the safest method of work.

### **KEY REVIEW POINTS**

- Are IHC's aware of permitted activities, including not working on site out of hours?
- When working at height, is there a Risk Assessment, Method Statement, Permit to Work and the correct equipment incorporating adequate fall protection?
- Are all relevant rules and procedures communicated and understood?
- Do we encourage and thank people for taking the time to STEP IN / Take **5 Together** when unsafe activities or behaviours are observed?





of Control

Reduce Isolate

Eliminate

Control Protect

#### Look after yourself and each other



#### **Personal Protective Equipment**



# **Tools and Equipment**

# Safe Systems

Follow safe systems of work, site rules,

# **Working At Height**



Use appropriate access equipment and



STOP THINK