SAFETY ALERT HIPO - DRIVER PUTS HIMSELF AT RISK

DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

After returning from delivering the last load of slipform from a customer's site, where drivers are only allowed to dry brush their truckmixer chutes, the driver "stone washed" the drum. He noticed there was concrete build up on the "pig's ear". The driver parked his truck, isolated the vehicle and applied the wheel chocks, before climbing on the rear chute to remove the build-up.

KEY FINDINGS	
Look after yourself and each other	Stop and think behaviour not used.
Safe systems of work	Driver induction training had been completed. Production had finished on the plant. No permit to work was issued. The activity is not included in the Independent Haulage Contractor (IHC) permitted vehicle maintenance activities.
Working at height	Inappropriate access used for working at height.
Safety Alert	Recent HiPo Safety Alert involving similar vehicle Working at Height not effectively communicated.
Take 5 / Risk Perception	At no point was a TAKE 5 pre task risk assessment completed.

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 hierarchy and risk assessment principles to identify the safest method of work.
- By completing the task another way, using mobile safety steps, scaffold tower or Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP).
- Ensuring relevant Safety Alerts are effectively communicated and understood.

KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Are all IHC's aware of permitted activities, including not carrying out maintenance on site without a Permit to Work?
- When working at height, is there a risk assessment, method statement, Permit to Work and the correct equipment incorporating adequate fall protection?
- Are all the relevant rules and procedures understood?
- Do we encourage and thank people for taking the time to STEP IN / Take **5 Together** when unsafe activities or behaviours are observed?
- Are Safety Alerts effectively communicated to all relevant parties?





Photos shared by delivery driver who Stepped In

Display Until 30.06.24



Hierarchy of Control

Eliminate

Reduce Isolate

Control

Protect

Look after yourself and each other



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

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.

Working At Height



Use appropriate access equipment and fall protection.



STOP THINK