

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: On-Highway

ALERT STATUS: Normal

ACTIVITY: Transport

DATE ISSUED: 20/07/06

SUB ACTIVITY: On-highway

INCIDENT No: 00063

TITLE

Logistics driver suffers back injury

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

A cement tanker driver sustained back injuries as a consequence of losing his footing and falling at a customer™s site. The driver had completed his delivery and was in the process of returning the extension pipe, when he tripped on a object submerged in residual silt/slurry material left around the discharge area. He fell onto his rear, injuring the base of his back whilst still holding the pipe in his arms. The immediate area he was working in at the time was covered in approx 1 inch of above mentioned material. The driver was recovered from site and a Lost Time Injury subsequently reported.

Following a previous incident a pipe was left for drivers to couple onto their discharge pipe, thus creating an extension away from the hazardous area, on this occasion however the driver coupled the vehicle directly to the extension pipe.

Again this incident highlights the importance of good housekeeping; taking time to assess your environment and identification of hazards in your working area.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES



LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

Whilst the investigation is still ongoing, the following learning points should be considered.

- L•Always ensure you are aware of surroundings by undertaking Worksafe / Pre-delivery assessments.
- L•Ensure housekeeping regimes are in place, in particular following work activities.
- L•Always ensure you have safe access all around your workplace.
- L•Be aware of potential hazards when moving around / operating on any site.
- L•Ensure that if safe operating procedures are in place they are followed at all times.
- L•Raise any on-site safety issues by using the Near Miss / Hazard Alert card system.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES