

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: Readymix or mortar plant

ALERT STATUS: Normal

ACTIVITY: Worker Involvement

DATE ISSUED: 18/03/08

SUB ACTIVITY: N/A

INCIDENT No: 00143

TITLE
Accident Whilst Using Mobile Phone
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS
14.03.2008 UK Safety Alert Accident whilst using Mobile Phone Details of the Incident A recent incident served to remind of the need for care when using a mobile phone. Everyone is probably aware of the issues surrounding the use of mobile phones whilst driving but it is easy to forget that they can be a distraction whatever you are doing. A Plant Operator recently received injuries to his face whilst using a phone and climbing the steps to the site cabin. Whilst his injuries turned out to be relatively minor he did receive hospital attention for a suspected broken nose, in this instance severe bruising to face was the outcome. As can be seen from the picture below the operator was extremely lucky the injury was not more serious.
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN
Learning Points Using a mobile phone can be distracting and it is easy to lose awareness of your current surroundings or things happening around you. The UK Health and Safety Standard on the •Safe Use of Mobile Phones• includes details on non vehicle use as well as whilst driving. The key points of the standard are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A general prohibition on using mobile phones whilst operating mobile plant• Mobile phones must only be used in road vehicles with hands free kits and then only when the call cannot be delayed and it is safe considering the driving conditions.• People calling drivers on mobile phones must keep calls short• Prohibition of using mobile phones whilst operating hazardous equipment or machinery• Mobile phones only used at locations in areas that are safe• Risk assessments to be carried out to determine unsafe areas or activities where mobile phone use should be prohibited. It is recommended that any areas where it is deemed unsafe to use mobile phones are clearly demarcated with signage. The other important lesson is to remember •Get a Grip• and use handrails when climbing or descending stairs.
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES