

## INCIDENT ALERT

**LOCATION:** Other  
**ACTIVITY:** Transport  
**SUB ACTIVITY:** On-highway

**ALERT STATUS:** Normal  
**DATE ISSUED:** 08/05/08  
**INCIDENT No:** 00160

### TITLE

Hit by Reversing Vehicle

### ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

An employee was knocked down by a reversing lorry whilst supervising a subcontract activity. The employee was using a mobile telephone at the time and was distracted from what was happening around him. The reversing lorry was not under the control of a banksman who was some distance away and the vehicle had a defective reversing camera and reversing alarm. The employee was extremely fortunate in that he was able to roll out of the path of the lorry wheels and he only suffered minor scratches and bruises. This incident could easily have resulted in a fatality.

There were 4 principal factors that contributed to this accident: -

- L The banksman was not present;
- L The lorry reversing camera was defective;
- L The lorry reversing alarm was defective;
- L The employee was distracted by a mobile telephone.

### ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

**LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN**

- L Ensure that reversing lorries are supervised by a banksman at all times when reversing in a working area;
- L Ensure that lorry reversing cameras and reversing alarms are working and used;
- L Ensure that vehicle maintenance, inspection and defect reporting systems are effective;
- L Ensure that persons are not distracted by mobile telephones and only use them from a place of safety.

**LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES**