Mixer Truck Nip Point

WHAT HAPPENED

In a recent incident a truck mixer driver, working for an Independent Haulage Contractor, was lucky to escape more serious injury when he decided to grease the moving track ring of his drum with his gloved hand. His finger was trapped by the drum locking mechanism, resulting in the loss of his finger tip.

Only two years ago we had a very similar incident in which a driver lost a complete finger. A Safety Alert was circulated following this incident, along with a film showing how his injury affected his life.

Nip Point

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

• The driver had been inducted and had seen the previous Safety Alert. Do we learn from previous incidents, reviewing Safety Alerts with employees and contractors and ensuring necessary preventative actions are in place? Do we apply our training and remember to Stop & Think before undertaking new activities, particularly where there

undertaking new activities, particularly where there are increased risks posed by non standard site activities?

• The truckmixer was originally fitted with a remote greasing facility, incorporating a tangential plate and grease hose, allowing the track ring to be greased from ground level, away from the risk of entanglement; however the plate had been damaged and removed and the hose tucked out of the way. Is plant and equipment formally inspected? Are defects reported and repairs carried out promptly? Where necessary are interim precautions implemented to prevent injury?

• There was no written Safe System of Work for the activity and the truckmixer drum was moving at the time. Are documented Safe Systems in place for maintenance activities? Do they include the need to isolate all live / moving plant and equipment before undertaking any maintenance?

• How many times had this practice been carried out before? Are employees and contractors aware of the need to look after themselves and each other, and “step in” if they see someone completing a task in an unsafe way?

(see additional information pdf for photographs)

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ACTIVITY:	**MAINTENANCE & HOUSEKEEPING**	**DATE ISSUED:**	**05/03/2015 12:13:19**
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