Soft Verges

WHAT HAPPENED

Soft Verges, Culverts & Ditches in both the local vicinity and approach routes to many rural worksites can be obstructed by vegetation and hedgerows and may not be easily seen. Clocks “going” back, shorter day light hours and worsening winter weather will only increase the hazards and risks.



Overturned Vehicle

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

- Never park on soft verges especially in autumn and winter.

- If you have no choice due to unforeseen emergency circumstance visually check the conditions of the verge and move if you can.

- Stay away from the vehicle in a place of safety away from other traffic.

In addition batchers need to acquire better information on site locations and material delivery drivers need to risk assess site access and if unsure wait for advice before entering sites if access is poor or not identifiable.

UK Highway Code Rule 246 (which relates to the provisions of Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act 1988) states; "Vehicles with a maximum laden weight of over 7.5 tonnes (including any trailer) MUST NOT be parked on a verge, pavement or any land situated between carriageways, without police permission. The only exception is when parking is essential for loading and unloading, in which case the vehicle MUST NOT be left unattended"



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LOCATION:	**ON-HIGHWAY**	**ALERT STATUS:**	**Normal**
ACTIVITY:	**TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS / DELIVERY**	**DATE ISSUED:**	**22/11/2011**
SUB ACTIVITY:	**PRODUCT DELIVERY**	**INCIDENT No:**	**00316**