Fatal 3 - TRANSPORT - Mixer driver exposed himself to the risk of a serious fall whilst trying to clear a blockage on the pigs ear.

WHAT HAPPENED

A driver was clearing a blockage from his pigs ear, and whilst doing so climbed onto the second rail of the slump stand railing to gain a better angle. By taking this action the driver had exposed himself to the risk of a fall and potentially serious injury.

Key Findings

- There was spillage built up by the slump stand that was preventing mixer trucks from getting close enough to the slump stand to easily clear blockages.
- The driver had not been fully inducted to site and not completed the comprehension test to ensure he understood it.
- Driver did not identify the hazards associated with completing the task that way and had not seen the RAMS for the activity.
- The RAMS for the activity did not adequately cover the activity.
- There is no standard procedure for clearing a blockage in the pigs ear within the company.



LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

Local

- The spillage was cleared at the base of the slump stand and a high-powered hose installed to keep the area clean.
- The risk assessments were reviewed and delivered out to drivers.

National

- Ensure individuals when inducted at sites are taken through the comprehension test.
- Ensure any individuals undertaking tasks are aware of and understand the relevant risk assessment.
- Review risk assessments around clearing blockages in pigs ears and ensure that they adequately cover the activity.

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