

Fatal 1 - Contractor fails to use correct isolation procedures whilst undertaking maintenance on bucket elevator.

WHAT HAPPENED

A contractor carrying out inspection work at the bottom of a bucket elevator was not in control of the isolation and had not applied their personal padlock to the local isolator. Confirmation of isolation was being undertaken using a two-way radio to the person located at the top of the elevator. This failure to apply the company's isolation procedures exposed the contractor to the possibility of sustaining a very serious injury or worse.

KEY FINDINGS

- Breach of isolation procedures
- Inadequate perception of risk.



LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

- Activity stopped until isolation procedure implemented including personal lock off. Additional controls also implemented to bottom of elevators to allow moving of buckets.
- Internal investigation regarding code of conduct.
- All plants were asked to review the positioning of isolation points, ensuring local isolation points are accessible.

LOCATION: CEMENT PLANT
ACTIVITY: MAINTENANCE & HOUSEKEEPING
SUB ACTIVITY: CEMENT, LIME AND SLAG

ALERT STATUS: Normal
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