

# HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

## Fatal Accident – M8 Motorway, Glasgow, UK

On Monday 3rd March 2014 at approximately 2340hrs a resurfacing operative, working for a subcontractor as part of the Scotland TranServ M8 surface improvement scheme, was fatally injured. It appears he was struck by a reversing 20t tipper vehicle involved in resurfacing works.



The worker was applying sealant to the side of a planed road surface prior to the new surface being laid. A full investigation is currently being undertaken.

Until we establish details of the circumstances leading to this tragic incident, the following steps must be taken to eliminate the risk of injury from plant and vehicle movements, especially when reversing vehicles are involved.

With immediate effect, all projects must cease vehicle and plant reversing activities until they have been reviewed to confirm they are being carried out safely. The **default position** should be that you must plan your site to avoid the need for vehicles or plant to reverse. If this is not possible and all options have been reviewed; then and only then should reversing operations be carried out and in accordance with the following controls:

- Vehicle or plant reversing areas must be designed to allow adequate space for vehicles to manoeuvre safely, exclude pedestrians and be clearly signed to warn drivers that they have reached the limit of the safe reversing area
- Vehicles or plant required to reverse must be fitted with effective all round visibility aids that are in good working order at all times
- Marshals who are required to direct reversing vehicles or plant must be positioned in a place of safety at all times or at least until the vehicle or plant is isolated
- All other Pedestrians must remain out of the direct route of reversing vehicles or plant
- Drivers and Vehicle Marshals must maintain constant visual contact during reversing operations.

Attached to this alert is a checklist, produced by CSUK, to assist you in your review.

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