

RRV Fails to Stop at Required Location***Use of DECT Communication Radio Prevented a Serious Accident***

This information is provided to all sites to share the events and outcomes of serious accidents / incidents.

Please consider these events against your site activities and make arrangements, as necessary, to prevent a similar event occurring.

Date of event:

Sunday 3rd November 2013

Person(s) involved:

Case 988 RRV, Site staff and Gator.

What happened?

RRV experiencing braking difficulties failed to stop at the required material drop off point (*the RRV came to a halt approximately 15m past the drop location*). The machine and operator are currently under investigation to establish the exact reason for the failure.



The Operator of RRV was using DECT communications and was able to warn the Machine Controller that he was having braking issues, this enabled all staff and the accompanying Gator to be moved clear of the immediate danger.

Actions taken:

The immediate staff involved was D&A tested and all plant quarantined for testing.

The 'Near Miss' is currently under investigation and will be treated as a Network Rail local investigation.

Further information will be available following the outcome of the investigation.

Remember:

Site Management remember that we have to ensure that DECT radios are being used by our OTP suppliers at all times. In this instance DECT Radios averted a potentially serious accident which could have caused serious injury or loss of life.