Contact with moving machinery

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Overview

On the 30 August 2017 at High Wycombe Station, an operative was seriously injured when he, sustained crush injuries from a JCB tele-handler. The operative was working with the machine operator to lay "bog-mats" in preparation for heavy vehicle access.

Whilst positioning a section of "bog-mat", the operative became trapped at the front of the machine sustaining multiple injuries including fractures to their leg, and is currently in hospital recovering from these.

Discussion Points

While we are investigating the incident please discuss the following with your team.

- How do we make sure that exclusion zones are adequate for the tasks being undertaking?
- How do we know who is responsible for maintaining the exclusion zone?
- How do we make sure that the driver understands the task they are to perform?
- How are ground and weather conditions considered before operating plant?
- How do we set up clear communication channels between the driver of the vehicle and operative on the ground?
- How would you check that the machine has been correctly maintained?
- How do you know the operator is authorised to drive the machine?