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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Injury During Lifting Operation

This bulletin is for the attention of;

All employees whose work activity involves planning or undertaking lifting/loading activities.

Background:

A member of staff recently sustained injuries while assisting with the movement of equipment on site using a telehandler. The accident occurred when the load became unstable and subsequently came into contact with the individual. An investigation into this accident has commenced.



The majority of the load weight is positioned at the top of the equipment

Telehandler Forks used under legs to lift equipment

Action Required:

Whilst the cause of this event is not fully known, all employees engaged in either planning or lifting/loading activities are reminded that safe lifting requires the following:

- **All lifting operations must be planned by a competent person and a lifting plan produced and adhered to.**
- **All loads must be adequately secured to prevent any unplanned movement or collapse either in transit or storage, this is regardless of the distance the load has to be moved**
- **Any person acting as Banksman must be in a safe position whilst carrying out such duties and the telehandler driver must stop the vehicle immediately if the banksman disappears from view**

If you have any safety concerns, work should be stopped immediately and reported to your line manager.