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## Updated Network Rail Safety Bulletin

### Top Head Hammer incident

**For the attention of; All owners, operators and maintainers of Top Head Hammer Rigs and Soil/Rock nailing/Drilling devices. This bulletin supersedes the original bulletin with an issue date of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.**

An incident occurred recently when an assistants hand became trapped between the releasing tool and the main framework of a **Top Head Hammer Rig** during the extension/fitment process of a nail/rod extension.

It has been reported that there was a communication breakdown between the operator and the assistant whilst a nail/rod extension was being fitted. This resulted in the rig being operated whilst the assistants hand was inside the equipment.



**Action Required: Following the supply of information from the Plant and equipment owners, All drilling rigs may be returned to use,** provided that;

- Rigs are **CE marked** (or equivalent), this is the manufacturer's declaration that the product meets and is compliant to UK legislation.
- Rigs have **operational manuals** available for instruction and training purposes
- Rigs have a **training manual / program** for that specific item of equipment and operators have been **trained and have training records** available.
- Rigs have **maintenance and inspection records** with the next due date for statutory inspection displayed on the equipment.

Contractors intending to use this type of plant must provide evidence of statutory compliance as noted above to either; the Network Rail Project Manager or to Network Rail's Plant and T&RS Engineer Tony Dawson on 07515626205

Operators are also reminded to comply with the relevant task risk control sheet, risk assessments and complete pre-use inspections.

Please contact Tony Dawson on 07515626205 or email [tony.dawson@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:tony.dawson@networkrail.co.uk) if you have any questions about this updated bulletin.

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