

SAFETY ALERT - ACCIDENT

Compressor Towed Forward onto Leg

What Happened?

MUS and Whirlwind Utilities Ltd were carrying out lead pipe service replacement and lining. An MUS operative had lain on a footpath board on the ground to replace a ferrule in an excavation positioned between the lining compressor and van. As the Whirlwind operative was moving the van forward to the next excavation, he rolled the wheel of the compressor onto the leg of the MUS operative. On realising what was happening he immediately reversed and an ambulance was called to site. MUS operative had sustained a crush injury to his left leg, he was assessed at the hospital and released the same day.



Root Cause

Accident still under investigation.

What action must we take?

- Any manoeuvres, forward or reversing, on site to reposition plant should be carried out with the aid of a banksman.
- When working on site ensure you are completely within the barriered area.
- When working in close proximity to others (MUS or subcontractors) you should ensure there is effective communication between all parties.



Remember

NOTHING WE DO IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE CANNOT TAKE THE TIME TO DO IT SAFELY.