

## Safety Alert - Significant Near Miss Offloading Plant

### What Happened?

Laverick Plant Hire Delivery Driver had loaded a 1.5t mini excavator mounted on its trailer onto a larger trailer to deliver to site. His intention was to deliver the mini excavator and trailer and take away a 3t excavator already on site. While he was waiting for the Team Leader to become available he had unstrapped the load and had got in the mini excavator to raise the arm which was securing the mini excavator and trailer to the larger trailer. Whilst he was still in the excavator the trailer rolled off the larger trailer and continued 20m across a live carriageway until coming to rest on a grass verge on the opposite side of the road.



### Root Cause

**Exceptional Violation** – “*To solve a problem you need to knowingly break a rule and or procedure falsely believing the benefits outweigh the risks.*”

The Delivery Driver was trying to save time, first by avoiding 2 trips to site and then by not waiting for the Team Leader before starting to unsecure his load, as such the team leader was not given the opportunity to assess the task himself

### What action must we take?

- Delivery Drivers should report to the site Team Leader and not undertake any activity until the Team Leader has reviewed the activity and given the Driver instruction to proceed
- The Team Leader should refuse to accept any delivery he believes would affect the safety of himself, his team members, the delivery driver or any member of public.
- For more complex deliveries requiring a loading/unloading work activity to be undertaken on site, the Team Leader should expect the Driver to have documented procedures for off loading on site.

## Remember

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