

Safety Bulletin



Area 13 Telehandler accident warning

An incident occurred at Area 13 Low Hurst Motorway Compound on Thursday 8th December where a telehandler overturned whilst being operated on the top of the salt pile, carrying out maintenance duties.

Grit salt is a granular product and can be highly dangerous as it is very uneven and there will be voids within the pile, in fact this was the cause of the machine rolling over. The machine was travelling with the boom raised and due to the design of these machines, once the boom is raised they can become unstable if not on secure/even ground.

The incident is currently under investigation to determine the circumstances of why it happened and the immediate, underlying and root causes.

Action required:

Management must identify if this unsafe working practice is being used in their locations and ensure that no-one operating a Telehandler, or similar machine, will access salt piles in this manner.

REMEMBER –

If safe methods of work are not followed then accidents will result sooner rather than later. Injuries can be prevented. Report near misses before they become accidents/injuries.