



Fatality – Construction Industry

On the 11th of April 2012, a 31 year old construction worker died as a result of injuries sustained after becoming trapped between a road roller and an excavator.

Each year within the construction industry, approximately ten people die as a result of being struck by moving plant. In addition, there are hundreds of preventable accidents and injuries.



Although this incident did not occur within EnergyNetworks, site visits have identified unsafe working practises within our business . Recent work activities have been stopped as a direct result of plant and vehicles moving or reversing without the aid of a banks person or appropriate control measures.

Recommendations and action points

- Always assess the risks of moving plant and vehicles, ensure adequate controls are considered and implemented.
- Wherever possible, segregate vehicles and pedestrians, consider the use of physical barriers.
- Reversing areas should be planned out and clearly marked
- Whilst undertaking site work, do not reverse vehicles without the assistance of a competent banksman ([Refer to Yellow Book - SMS-17-012](#))
- Where available, ensure that reversing aids such as cameras, all round vision mirrors, audible warning devices are used and functioning correctly.
- Ensure you are always in full view of the driver of the vehicle and in a place of safety away from plant/equipment.
- Be Seen – Be Safe , Wear Hi Visibility clothing

Always maintain a Safe Distance – Make sure you are Visible to the Driver.