



## Serious Accident involving Fork Lift Truck

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 a member of the Cambuslang Logistics team sustained a serious injury when his foot became trapped under the rear wheel of a fork lift truck.

A Panel of Inquiry has been established and sadly its initial findings are mirrored in the recommendations detailed in the very recent Safety Express ([EXP-10-287](#)) associated with a fatality in the Construction Industry. Immediate implementation of the recommendations would almost certainly have prevented this accident.

Team Leaders/ Managers **shall** communicate details of (**relevant**) Safety Expresses as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Contributory factors include poor housekeeping and distraction from the task in hand. The full findings will be communicated in due course, however a reminder of the pertinent points from the recent Safety Express which apply to the use of all moving plant and vehicles is outlined below.

### 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.
- **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



*FLT Involved in accident*



*Rear Wheel of FLT*

**Always maintain a safe distance**  
**Make sure you are visible to the driver**