

**Safety Alert**

**Third Party Lorry Driver Falls from Vehicle**

On the 1st October 2014 at 06:58 a HGV driver was leaving the quarry with a load of aggregate. The vehicle had an automatic easy sheet; however this was not activated as per procedure in the designated sheeting area, prior to being weighed out. The driver then proceeded to leave the quarry and parked on the entrance road alongside clear signage stating “No Parking” and High Voltage Overhead Cable Warning barriers. At 07:08 another HGV driver entering site pulled onto the weighbridge and reported that he had seen a driver lying in the entrance. The quarry Manager went to investigate and upon arrival to the scene instigated the on-site emergency arrangement plan, as it was clear the driver was injured. It was later confirmed at hospital that the driver had a double hairline fracture of his right hip.

The initial investigation found that the driver was accessing the body to free his easy sheet, this had retracted in the body and material had been loaded against it causing it to jam. The driver entered the vehicle body at least twice attempting

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 to free the easy sheet. CCTV evidence has since shown that the driver fell from the vehicle whilst attempting to free / close the easy sheet.



**Key Learning**

* The importance of good quality site specific inductions. Inductions must be concise and relevant to the person being inducted.
* Stop & think – prior to connecting any task, consideration of the potential hazards and risks relating to the task must be made, to ensure that suitable control measures are in place.
* Clear instruction and communication between all parties when there is a change of process e.g. a haulier breakdown.
* The audit and review process for our hauliers must be

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enhanced to ensure that we have a clear picture of their day to day H & S performance.

PLEASE CHECK AND ENSURE THIS CANNOT HAPPEN IN YOUR COMPANY