

Alert No 23/2015

**Safety Alert**

**Taking Materials from the Back of a Moving Vehicle**

During a recent site inspection, an operative / banks person was observed shovelling aggregate from the rear of a reversing lorry whilst the vehicle continued in motion.

This action placed the operative at high risk with potential of significant if not fatal injury as the operative was in the “driver blind spot” of an unsupervised reversing moving vehicle.

This operation was immediately halted and the site representative advised immediately and instructed to brief all operatives on the unacceptability of this practice.

Whilst it was identified that the vehicle had reversing cameras, this is not considered a suitable fail-safe control. It therefore failed to make the unsupervised reversing activity, acceptable.

Materials must not be taken from the back of a moving lorry. The vehicle must be temporarily halted with a banks person over-seeing the activity.

This safety alert has been prepared by the RSTA. Completed forms for adding to the RSTA website should be submitted to Clive Mitchell clive@rsta-uk.org For further information regarding this safety alert please email Clive or phone 07557529410