



Work Safety Alert **Run Over by a Reversing Compactor**

- 1. Date of Accident :** June 2026
- 2. Place of Accident :** A sports ground under resurfacing
- 3. Summary :**

While supervising asphalt rolling and compaction works on a sports ground, a project manager was struck and run over by a reversing compactor. He sustained fatal injuries.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers :

To prevent any workers from being endangered by moving plant, contractors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- fencing off the asphalt rolling and laying works area, so far as is reasonably practicable, with suitable warning notices displayed and control measures implemented to prevent unauthorised entry to the fenced-off areas;
- providing and maintaining safe walkways away from moving plant, and demarcating designated walkways for workers with suitable barriers and signage;
- assigning a banksman to control the movement of moving plant and maintain effective communications with the operator whenever the operator's view is restricted;
- ensuring that all safety devices of the moving plant including audio and visual alarms for reversing motion are maintained in efficient working order and kept in effective operation throughout the work process;
- displaying notices at prominent locations to alert workers to moving



plant and the use of designated walkways;

- ensuring that the plant is properly maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions by persons who are suitably trained and competent for such work;
- ensuring that the plant is only operated by persons who have received suitable training and are competent to operate the plant;
- ensuring that every worker in the asphalt rolling and laying works area is wearing a high-visibility or reflective vest;
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the asphalt rolling and laying works; and
- providing all workers involved with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the relevant safe work procedures and safety measures.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Loadshifting Machines for Earth Moving Operations on Construction Sites](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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