



Work Safety Alert

Knocked over by a Lorry

1. **Date of Accident :** January 2019
2. **Place of Accident :** Vehicle access outside a warehouse
3. **Summary :**

A lorry driver while attempting to jump start a lorry at the vehicle access outside a warehouse was suspected to have been knocked over by the lorry which suddenly moved forward. He sustained serious injuries and passed away on the same day.

4. **Work Safety Alert for Proprietors/ Employers :**

To prevent any workers/ employees from being endangered by unintended vehicle movements while engaging in emergency vehicle repair, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work which should include, but not limited to, the following:

- appointing a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, taking into account the nature of work, layout of workplace, working environment and the possible movement of the vehicle;
- formulating safe work methods and procedures for the repair work with due regard to the results of the risk assessments, manufacturer's specifications/ instructions, and following the requirements of safety legislation and relevant safety guidelines;
- as far as practicable, ensuring that the vehicle under repair is parked on a firm and level surface, and the handbrake is securely applied;



- chocking the wheels of the vehicle as necessary to prevent unintended vehicle movements, especially when the vehicle stopped on sloping ground;
- ensuring that the repair work is carried out by a person who is competent by virtue of his training and practical experience, and has an adequate knowledge of the vehicle involved;
- demarcating and properly barricading the work area and exercising strict access control with suitable warning notices displayed at prominent positions to prohibit unauthorised entry into the area;
- prohibiting any workers/ employees from staying at the front and rear ends of the vehicle involved;
- where necessary, seeking assistance from the Police if vehicle repair work is required to be carried out on roadway due to breakdown;
- providing all workers/ employees involved with necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and relevant safety measures; and
- establishing and implementing an effective monitoring and control system to ensure that all safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)¹

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