



Work Safety Alert Struck by a Moving Vehicle on a Public Road

1. **Date of Accident :** August 2020
2. **Place of Accident :** On a public road
3. **Summary :**

Two vehicles engaged in refuse clearing at a public road were about to leave upon completion of work. One of the vehicles however stopped after travelling for a short distance as the driver noted an obstacle having stuck to the vehicle. When the vehicle started moving again after the driver had removed the obstacle, it somehow knocked down a co-worker who might have got off the vehicle when the driver was removing the obstacle.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers :

To prevent any workers/ employees engaged in road works from being endangered by moving vehicles, the contractors/ employers responsible for the works 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 in identifying all potential hazards associated with the work, taking into account the nature of work, traffic flow, movement of work vehicles and that of workers to-and-fro the work area;
- formulating safe work methods and procedures for the work with due regard to the results of risk assessments, the requirements of relevant safety legislation and safety guidelines to minimise the risks exposed to the workers/ employees;
- where work vehicles are engaged, ensuring every driver adopts all necessary measures for safe driving, including:
 - clearing any obstacles/ obstructions nearby before getting into the



vehicle;

- paying particular attention to possible presence of work personnel or other persons in the vicinity before starting the vehicle, bearing in mind the blind spots at the front and rear of the vehicle;
- ensuring that all passengers, if any, in the vehicle have put on the seat belts, if fitted and that all doors are securely shut before starting the vehicle;
- providing all workers/ employees involving in road works with personal protective equipment as necessary such as reflective jackets and ensuring their proper use of the equipment;
- ensuring effective communication among all workers/ employees involved throughout the work;
- providing all workers/ employees with necessary safety information, instruction and training and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures; and
- establishing and implementing an effective monitoring and control system to ensure 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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