SAFETY ALERT



N°011 [15 July 2022]

MINI DIGGER OVERTURNED

Leg and Ankle Injury

Business: Ringway Infrastructure Services - Hertfordshire

Date & Time: 11 July 2022 – 09:45hrs

Equipment: 1.8 t Mini Excavator SANY SY18C

Nature of incident:Leg and ankle injury caused by an overturned

excavator

Circumstantial facts:

On 11th July 2022 a SCP highways team were carrying out footway reconstruction works on Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford. The SCP operative was tracking his 1.8 t mini excavator along a broken up bituminous footway. The excavator overturned trapping the operator by his left leg.

Emergency first aid was given on site, but the IP was taken to hospital and later underwent surgery for the injuries sustained. The IP suffered leg injuries and also an open fracture on his ankle resulting in a RIDDOR reportable incident.

A full investigation is underway and further findings will be cascaded in due course.

In the interim, please ensure all method statements and safe system of work on plant movements are adequate to the task. Also ensure that seatbelts are being used **at all times**.

Site inspections and safety tours being carried out over the coming months need to focus on similar activities. An opportunity to take proactive action to prevent any similar incidents occurring.

David Campbell

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