

# ZERO HARM ALERT



**PROTECT**  
ZERO HARM DONE.  
ZERO EXCEPTIONS.

**Attention:** All colleagues in Operational roles and contractor partners

**Summary:** Injury involving overturned dumper

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## WHAT HAPPENED?

One of our contract partners recently sustained serious injuries when the dumper he was driving overturned on a bank.

### Initial information:

- Whilst manoeuvring a 3-tonne dumper on an incline the dumper overturned
- Due to crush injuries the dumper driver was taken to a nearby hospital via ambulance



## WHY?

- A full investigation is being carried out to establish the facts.
- Did you know that over 60% of dumper deaths involve the driver being crushed when the vehicle overturns. (HSE)

## ZERO HARM REMINDERS:

- Before using any plant carry out a risk assessment to identify the plant's suitability for the site and the task:
  - Is the ground stable, level and if there is an incline is the plant suitable for site conditions?
  - Operate at safe speeds particularly when carrying a full load or operating on a gradient.
- Only use plant and equipment if trained and competent to do so.
- When driving a dumper / operating plant ensure the correct PPE is worn and always wear a seat belt.
- When driving / operating plant on gradients always work within the safe working capacity. Check with manufacturer for further details.
- Additional guidance specific to dumpers can be found on the HSE website - (<https://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/dumpers.htm>)