Safety Alert – Plant and Vehicles

Every year in the construction industry, people are killed or seriously injured as a result of being struck by moving plant and vehicles. Managers, workers, site visitors and the public can all be at risk if construction plant and vehicle activities are not properly managed and controlled.

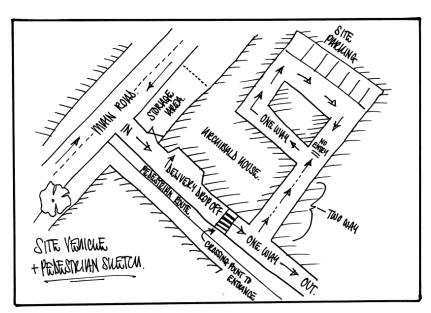
Plant and vehicles include cars, vans, delivery vehicles, skip and muck away wagons, excavators, skid-steers, MEWPs and lift trucks (this is not an exhaustive list).



Action: Contract Managers, Site Managers and Supervisors

- 1. Review and revise the site Construction Phase Plan and risk assessments to ensure that the risks associated with plant and vehicle movement have been considered.
- 2. Aim to create segregation between plant & vehicles and people, eliminate or reduce reversing and plan one-way systems wherever possible.
- 3. Create a site plan or simple sketch to show planned routes, segregation, delivery drop-off areas, one-way systems etc.
- 4. Inspect plant and vehicles to ensure that are in good order and that they have good visibility or they are fitted with mirrors and or CCTV to counteract blind spots. Ensure plant and vehicles have reversing lights and alarms etc.
- 5. Monitor the work to ensure that people, plant and vehicle operators are following the site rules.

Left: Photo showing bad practice (not a Centura Group Company). The best course of action is to segregate people from plant and vehicle movements.



Example of a simple site vehicle management sketch

If you have any health and safety issues that you wish to discuss contact your supervisor, line manager or Safety Advisor.

Remember there must be NO COMPROMISE where health and safety is concerned.