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Dear Port Users

MOM WSH Alert –

Worker Ran Over by Reversing Lorry

- 1. In our continuous effort to ensure safe operations in Jurong Port, we have attached the WSH Alert for your perusal.
- 2. Kindly also disseminate the said information to your respective contractors/service providers.
- 3. If you need more clarifications, please contact FSE duty officer at 6660 9552 or email: jpfss@jp.com.sg.

Thank you.

Regards,

Ng Kok Wee Fire Safety & Environment Department For Jurong Port Pte Ltd

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13 August 2012 – 1213247 WSH ALERT No. 12-04



WSH Alert – Worker Ran Over by Reversing Lorry

Incident

A lorry driver was fatally injured by a reversing tipper lorry at a scrap metal yard. The deceased was walking towards his lorry when another was reversing at the time and ran over him. He was sent to hospital but eventually succumbed to his injuries.



Driver was struck and then ran over by reversing tipper lorry.

Recommendations*

Stakeholders involved in similar work situations can undertake control measures such as the following to prevent recurrence:

- 1. An adequate risk assessment must be conducted before any work to identify all hazards and the risks involved. Control measures and safe work procedures must be established and implemented to make the work safe. All risks identified in the risk assessment must be addressed and the selected control measures must be implemented. For example, banksmen can be appointed to control movement of vehicles and pedestrians.
- 2. Only competent and authorised operators should be permitted to operate vehicles. The operator should receive proper training in the operation of such machines before authorisation to operate the vehicle is given by the company or management.
- 3. A plan to manage and control the traffic and operation of vehicles of the workplace can help improve workplace safety. Some elements of a Traffic Management Plan that are relevant to this case include:
 - a. Planning and demarcation of traffic layout/routes for vehicles and pedestrians. For example, using signs or markings on the ground to direct and separate human traffic from vehicular traffic.
 - b. Use of personal protective equipment, such as luminous vests to increase visibility of persons who are regularly exposed to traffic hazards.
 - c. Visible signalling or audible signals to be used when reversing a heavy vehicle.

For more details on the Traffic Management Plan, refer to the WSH Council's Workplace Safety & Health Guidelines on Traffic Safety Management.

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Further Information

- a. Workplace Safety and Health Act (Chapter 354A)
- b. Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations
- c. Workplace Safety and Health (Risk Management) Regulations
- d. Code of Practice on WSH Risk Management
- e. WSH Council's Workplace Safety & Health Guidelines on Traffic Safety Management

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Making assumptions at work can cause accidents Help prevent work injuries.





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