

Safety Alert

Worker Struck by Vehicle Mounted Crane



On the 30/10/2015 a worker delivering steel reinforcing products was struck by a vehicle mounted crane, the worker was using a remote control at the time of the incident and was on the vehicle tray balancing the load/lifting equipment prior to making the final lift.

As the worker leant over the load to move lifting equipment it is thought that the remote may have somehow made contact with either the workers body or a part of the load or vehicle which has then engaged the crane and caused it to move and subsequently strike the worker and crush him between the load and the crane causing mid torso injuries.

The worker was taken to Emergency at Westmead Hospital where he was triaged and diagnosed with several vertebrae and rib fractures- to clarify the worker does **NOT** have a broken back. The worker was hospitalised all weekend a will now have several weeks of recovery effecting him, his family, his co-workers and our business.

Safe Work NSW have been informed of this notifiable incident and an ICAM will be completed to draw out all potential contributors.

Everyone is reminded to:

- **ALWAYS Isolate crane remotes prior to accessing a vehicle tray or deck.**
- Review **ALL/ANY SOPs** that relate to crane operations and ensure Isolation of the remote is included when the driver access's the vehicle tray or deck.
- **“TAKE 2”**- Assess the task. Is it safe? Can I do it safely?
Can I control the risk?
- **NEVER Work under a suspended load**