

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: Quarry
ACTIVITY: Transport
SUB ACTIVITY: Mobile Plant

ALERT STATUS: Normal
DATE ISSUED: 24/07/06
INCIDENT No: 00080

TITLE

Accident involving loading shovel steps

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

An accident occurred at West Drayton recently where an operator was climbing down from his Volvo Loading Shovel and the steps gave way.

After investigation two retaining bolts had previously sheered and the incident occurred when the third bolt snapped, causing the steps to tip back. Luckily the fourth retaining bolt, which was also loose, remained in place, otherwise the complete steps unit would have detached from the body of the vehicle.

As it was, the operator lost his balance and fell 1.5m to the ground, twisting his ankle. This incident resulted in the operator being off work for over two weeks.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES



LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

This accident highlights the following issues:

- L All operators should regularly inspect the security and condition of all access/egress steps on all Mobile Plant
- L Site Mobile Plant Inspection schemes should include a section to ensure compliance with these checks

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES