

## INCIDENT ALERT

**LOCATION:** On-Highway

**ALERT STATUS:** Normal

**ACTIVITY:** Transport

**DATE ISSUED:** 17/03/08

**SUB ACTIVITY:** On-highway

**INCIDENT No:** 00138

TITLE
Cyclist Seriously Injured in accident with Cement Tanker
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS
14.03.2008 UK Safety Alert Cyclist Seriously Injured Details of Incident A cyclist has suffered serious head injuries following an incident involving a sub-contractor vehicle that was working on behalf of CEMEX. The vehicle was turning right into a company site in the early hours of the morning, crossing the oncoming carriageway. It was dark at the time and, on turning, the driver felt an impact to the front of the vehicle. When he got out of the truck, he realised that he had hit a cyclist. The cyclist was wearing a safety helmet, but not any hi-viz clothing, and the exact position of the cyclist prior to the accident is still not clear.
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN
Learning Points For drivers of vehicles:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Driving conditions are remarkably different at night, vision is reduced and it can be more difficult to see vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists</li><li>• Cyclists are difficult to spot, as their lights are not as powerful as cars</li><li>• It is illegal to drive at night without fully functioning front and rear lights. Ensure they are functional and clean. You should use your lights in the following conditions:-<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o At dawn</li><li>o In bad weather</li><li>o At dusk</li><li>o In dull conditions</li><li>o And at night!</li></ul></li><li>• The drop in visibility at night can lead to things just appearing in view. As a driver you should be prepared for the unexpected. Drive at a speed that allows you to spot hazards and react accordingly</li></ul> For pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be seen in the dark ☺ make sure you are wearing highly visible clothing</li><li>• Make sure you have been seen before putting yourself at risk</li><li>• On a bicycle/motorcycle, ensure that bright lights are fitted, switched on, clean and functional</li><li>• Cyclists should wear a protective helmet</li></ul>
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES