

Safety Alert

UK Fatality – Mobile Crusher Incident

Tragically an employee suffered fatal injuries when he became trapped between a mobile crusher and a 12,000 litre fuel tank. It is believed that he was moving the mobile crusher with the remote control unit having just refuelled the machine.

The incident is currently under investigation by the Police and HSE. The root causation of this tragic event is not yet clear but some general learning points have been identified.



Fuel tank and crusher



It is likely that this is where the deceased was trapped

- Remind all operators to:
 - Keep well clear of moving equipment
 - Be aware of 'nip' or 'trapping' points if equipment starts up or moves
 - Not to place themselves in a dangerous position
 - Report any defects with equipment to their supervisor or manager immediately
 - Ensure that they are trained and authorised before undertaking any work on machinery.
- If you operate similar equipment with remote controls:
 - Review your Risk Assessments and Safe Systems of Work
 - Remind operators to stand well clear when using the remote control unit
 - Ensure the intended route is safe (ground conditions, obstructions etc)
 - Keep people well clear whilst the machine is being moved, use a banksman to help keep people out of the area.