TRANSPORT - Fatal 2 - MP Connect Alert - Fatal incident involving a reversing LGV

WHAT HAPPENED

A 61-year-old engineering manager was fatally injured when struck by a reversing LGV (Large Goods Vehicle) at a shared industrial estate in Birmingham.

The incident occurred as the victim was walking across a service road. The LGV driver was reversing without assistance or visibility aids.

The victim, David Saint, was a much-loved family man, survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and extended family.



KEY FINDINGS

Key findings from the HSE investigation:

- No suitable and sufficient risk assessment for workplace transport.
- Site rules failed to address LGV movement and reversing.
- No measures in place to eliminate or reduce reversing.
- No reversing aids (e.g., banksmen, cameras, sensors) were provided.
- No signage warning of vehicle movement hazards.
- No control over timing or access of LGVs to the site.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

- Conducting a comprehensive transport risk assessment.
- Designing site layout and operations to eliminate reversing where possible.
- Implementing clear site rules and traffic management plans.
- Providing reversing aids such as cameras, and audible alarms.
- Installing clear signage and physical barriers to separate pedestrians and vehicles.
- Controlling vehicle access and movement through scheduling and supervision.
- Ensuring all drivers and site personnel are trained in safe transport procedures.

AS AN LGV DRIVER:

- Follow site rules, traffic signs, etc.
- Raise any traffic management concerns with local site management and your supervisor.
- Carry out pre-start vehicle checks and ensure all safety devices are operational and in good condition.
- Don’t reverse unless you know it is safe, stop immediately if anyone is at the rear of your vehicle, particularly if you lose sight of them.
- Being struck by a vehicle continues to be one of the main causes of fatal and major injuries in the workplace. According to HSE, 14 workers were killed last year when struck by a moving vehicle.

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For further details, refer to the HSE Press Release: Company fined after much-loved family man killed by reversing HGV – HSE Media Centre. This alert 'Contains public sector information published by the Health and Safety Executive and licensed under the **https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/**

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