

SAFETY ALERT

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Eurovia Surfacing – Overturned Roller

Date: 19 August 2016

Time: 13.30hrs

Division: Eurovia Surfacing

Location: Strawberry Lane, Brightstone, Isle of Wight

An HD13 small ride on roller, which was being driven by a trained and experienced operator, overturned whilst compacting asphalt along the edge of a carriageway on the Isle of Wight. The operator luckily escaped injury and was immediately D&A tested which proved negative.

The roller was recovered from site and tested for potential engine damage due to running on its side for a period before it was switched off and isolated.

A full investigation is underway but the initial findings clearly indicate that the driver was rolling too far over the edge joint which then caused the roller to tilt on an unrestrained edge and overturn.

It is also been proven that the operator was not wearing his seatbelt as he jumped in the direction it overturned and landed in the verge.

Roll Over Protection devices and seat belts are fitted to protect the operators from serious injury. Machines have rolled over and landed on top of operators which have resulted in a number of serious injuries and fatalities within the construction industry.

- **Could a similar incident happen in your division?**
- **What control measures are in place to prevent this?**
- **Are all drivers aware of the need to ensure ROPS are in place and seatbelts are there for a reason?**
- **Are these rules being enforced?**



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