# Key Lessons Dumper rolls into parked unmanned pickup



### Date of Incident: 2016-07-18

Country: United Kingdom

Site: Back Lane Quarry, Aggregates

Main hazard/ Risk: Transport

## Description of Event:

A Cat 775B dumper rolled off when parked and struck an unmanned pickup. The operator approached the load out bins and another dumper was already being loaded so he parked & went to the canteen / toilet, approximately 2 minutes later the unmanned dumper rolled approximately 46m hitting the parked unmanned site pickup outside the canteen / toilets building.

The dumper was parked on slight incline - maximum 2.6 degrees at vehicle & 1.4 degrees overall slope between initial park area & pickup, the operator had parked in what he considered was a flat safe area

After the incident the dumper was checked and the park brake had not been applied, the operator was distracted when he parked due to a change to the pedestrian route, although changes had been discussed at that morning's daily brief. Additional Information:

- The operator experienced & fully familiar with this dumper & its controls (D&A tested negative)
- The operator competency re-assessed on rigid dumpers 3 weeks earlier on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- The operator received toolbox talk on 8<sup>th</sup> July which included recent mobile plant incidents & the need for concentration when operating mobile plant
- The dumper well maintained with in-date brake test carried out on 9<sup>th</sup> June (Simret & fully laden park brake test)





# Key Lessons after Incident Investigation:

| Root Causes   | Category               | Corrective and Preventive Actions   |
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| Park brake not applied, operator distracted when parking by changes to pedestrian route       | 2. Human Factors       | Make operators aware of worst case<br>consequences of a lapse in concentration & the<br>need for concentration to avoid complacency |
| Park brake does not automatically engage when ignition is turned off (unlike newer equipment) | 1. Physical Conditions | Investigate feasibility of retro-fitting OEM or after<br>market systems to auto apply park brake when<br>ignition is switched off   |
| Vehicle Chocking  | 3. Management System   | Risk Based approach to vehicle chocking.<br>Guidance document to be updated.  |

1. Physical Conditions Examples include: Controls, Visibility, Upset Conditions, Noise/Vibrations, Equipment Facility design, Warnings, Environment **3. Management System** Examples include: Training, Accountability, Communications, Planning & Evaluation, Rules and Procedures, Supervision, Incident Investigation

2. Human Factors Examples include: Cognitive, Psycho-Behavioral, Physical/Mental Limitations, Perceptual, Self-imposed stress, Personnel 4. Culture, Perception and Beliefs Examples include: Risk Tolerance, Visible Leadership, Employee Engagement, Value for Safety, Norms, Drift, Goals

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### Photographs:





### **Communication Principles**

- Determine a country wide process for distribution of this document, including appropriate corrective actions for all levels of the organization.
- Communication should include discussions in Team Meetings, Toolbox Talks, posting on Notification Boards, email distribution, and developing and sharing relevant action plans



### **Important Actions**

- Perform a gap analysis based on the information in this document.
- Establish the action plan including objectives and processes necessary to ensure a similar incident will not occur at your sites.
- Implement the action plan, execute the process, close the gaps.
- Collect data to track implementation until completion