

Incident Notification



Incident: A contractor's vehicle was damaged while attempting to pass a digger that was manoeuvring out of the way while carrying out road repairs. The digger operator was aware the vehicle was approaching but had not given clear approval for the vehicle to pass.

Key Risk: This incident had serious-harm potential. If the digger had slewed while the vehicle was passing, there was a risk of further vehicle damage, crush injury, or serious injury to those involved.

Required Action:

- Do not pass mobile plant or machinery unless the operator has clearly confirmed it is safe to do so.
- Always establish positive communication before entering or passing through a machine operating area.
- Maintain a safe distance from machinery until the operator has stopped movement and given clear approval.
- If there is any doubt, stop and wait.

