

INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY FATALITY

- This notification is issued by HSE’s Agricultural Sector to Farm Safety Partnership, FISA and AIAC members, to assist timely promotion of key health and safety messages.
- The details below are based on initial notification and media coverage and do not fully reflect the detailed circumstances of the incident. At the moment the death has been treated as work related BUT this will be subject to further assessment when more details are known.
- The links to existing H&S guidance are intended to help recipients to promote health and safety and should not be taken to imply anything specific about the circumstances of the incident.
- Recipients are asked to feedback a summary of action they have taken within 2 weeks of receipt of this notification.

Notification number:	2017/24
Release date of fatal alert:	19 June 2017
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Cleared for release by head of Sector on:	19 June 2017
Feedback to be provided to HSE by:	2 July 2017
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Action required by FSP/AIAC members	
To disseminate relevant safety messages to, and stimulate action by, your organisation's membership (and the wider agriculture community) to ensure that risks involving vehicles are properly managed. The message should specifically underline the importance of planning work involving vehicles and machinery, safe routes and separation of people from vehicles in forests and on farms and the broader duties to cooperate between workers and visitors.	

Incident summary as notified to HSE or reported in the media

Age of person killed	<16 <input type="checkbox"/>	25–34 <input type="checkbox"/>	45–54 <input type="checkbox"/>	65 and over <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(mark age range)	16-24 <input type="checkbox"/>	35-44 <input type="checkbox"/>	55-64 <input type="checkbox"/>	Age not known <input type="checkbox"/>
Employment status:	Self-employed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Employee	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Member of public	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Not yet known	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Date of incident	9 June 2017			
Geographic area	Aberdeenshire			
General nature of incident	Transport (forestry) related			
Brief details of incident				
Initial notification is that a man was killed when run over by a forest harvester.				
Links to relevant published guidance (HSE and Partnership publications)				
HSE has published guidance on safe workplace transport . FISA safe guide 603 on mechanical harvesting is also relevant.				
Key messages for FSP/AIAC members to promote				
Being run over by vehicles is a major cause of death and serious injury in agriculture and forestry.				
Always plan safe movement of vehicles around a site to ensure pedestrians and vehicles are segregated as far as possible.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit audible alarms to vehicles to warn people when reversing • Keep reversing mirrors clean and properly adjusted. • Wear high visibility clothing to help others see you • Plan safe travel routes between fields/work sites which take into account clearance distances • Check traffic routes are properly maintained, adequately lit and the minimum height and location of the OHPLs in the fields where harvesting will take place is known 				
Make sure that everyone working on or visiting the site knows not to approach or walk behind or beside machines or vehicles that are operating or reversing. If they must approach, they must attract the driver's attention when it is safe and get them to stop, before they attempt to go near the vehicle, speak to the driver or get onto the machine.				
Link to known media report				
None identified				