

# RED ALERT



## Fall From Height Incident

Be aware of a recent incident whereby an Operative has fallen some 8 feet whilst attempting to clean the windscreen of a loading shovel. Dash-cam footage obtained from a nearby tipper wagon shows the fall. The footage clearly demonstrates that although the Operative has sustained a painful head injury, his safety helmet helped to prevent a more serious injury.

You **MUST**, at all times adopt the work at height hierarchy of controls;

- Eliminate the need to work at height
- Reduce the amount of people required to work at height
- Use work equipment or other measures to prevent falls
- Use work equipment or other measures to minimise the distance and consequences of a fall

**IN THIS INSTANCE THE NEED TO WORK AT HEIGHT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY ELIMINATED BY THE USE OF A LONG HANDLED BRUSH OR EQUIVALENT**

**Do not, under any circumstances climb on, or up plant and machinery without them having safe and correct access ways, and then, only after fully assessing the hazards and risks**

