

For issue to Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (Employees and Contract Partners)

SHE COMMUNICATION

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During ground reinstatement works following a cable fault repair and whilst preparing to dig a trench for new service cable. Our colleague toppled his excavator onto its side on uneven ground within a tight space. Fortunately, there were no injuries to our driver and minimal damage to the excavator.

What happened?



On arrival at site, the excavator was offloaded and fitted with a pecker attachment. The fault had been ongoing from the previous week, a temporary repair had been made and the team were permanently installing a new service in a restricted space area. The excavator was in position with the Pecker attachment fitted and the boom extended. When repositioning the excavator (in wet conditions) it toppled over. This was due to the weight of the pecker attachment coupled with the boom being extended and the tracks not being fully extended.

Key Learning Points?

- Ensure that your Point of Work Risk Assessment identifies the hazards and that suitable controls are applied to reduce the risk of our work to as low as possible.
- When arriving at site, always take time to familiarise yourself with the area and the job in hand.
- After power has been restored, take time to plan the remedial works appropriately.
- If something on site is potentially dangerous, SPEAK UP - We take care of ourselves and each other!
- Always make sure your site is safe and ready to be worked in, remove any potential hazards and utilise the space available to make the work area safer.
- When manoeuvring your machine, keep the bucket and any other ancillary equipment as low to the ground as possible.
- Ensure you have fully extended excavator tracks before attempting to move.
- Retracting the 'Working Arm' of the machine towards the cab increases the machines stability.
- Remain focused on the task, continually assess the worksite and don't become distracted.

Our Licence:

At SSEN we are fortunate to be provided with the licence we need to go home safe every day. Our primary objective is to deliver safe outcomes for our people, our customers and the environment and on this we will not compromise.

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At Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks – **if it's not safe, we don't do it.**

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