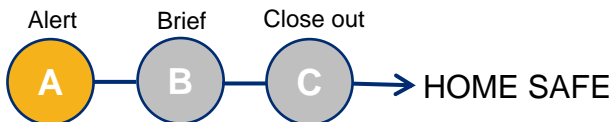


# SHE ALERT

## Toppled Excavator



Date of Incident	06/02/2024		Directorate	Operations SHEPD	
Region	Highland & Islands	Location	Gairloch	Classification	PTBW
What happened ?					
<p>Our colleagues were in the process of excavating a track to enable the installation of a mains LV cable.</p> <p>Ground conditions at the time were quite soft due to recent rainfall, and the site was on a slight incline. The excavator operator had excavated approximately 35m of the track when the incident occurred.</p> <p>To enable the excavator to continue digging the track to the pole, the operator had to position the excavator at an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the line of the track.</p> <p>In the process of removing spoil, the bucket came into contact with a large stone in the track, causing downward pressure on the rear tracks of the excavator. Due to soft ground and the incline, the excavator has slowly toppled over as a result.</p> <p>Thankfully, there were no injuries sustained or damage to the excavator. Ensure that you plan, scan and adapt to the work site conditions at all times.</p>					

