

SAFETY CRITICAL INFORMATION

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Subject: 13-Tonne Tracked Excavator Overturned

Target Audience: All Authorised Staff

Detail:

When getting into position to excavate a pole hole, a 13-Tonne Tracked Excavator slid down a steep hill & overturned. Thankfully no one was harmed.



The rough, mountainous terrain was very steep and the traction was poor due to moss vegetation and wet ground conditions.

Considerations:

- The driver must walk the entire route into each pole in order to determine any risks. A Whole Job Risk Assessment must be completed with reference made to where Tracked Excavators are to be used. Additionally those planning the work and driver on site must consider the following:-
 - The most suitable route must be selected having regard of the terrain, gradients and ground conditions. These must be considered alongside the type, stability and limitations of the machine being used.
 - Think about the safest way to transport attachments for the excavator especially in rough, mountainous or steep terrain.
 - Ensure sufficient time has been allowed to pre-site and plan the risks out.
 - Always report Near Miss events.