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SHE ALERT

**Overtured Telescopic Handler
H.I.T – Handbrake, In Gear, Turn Wheel
What happened?**

An operative was tasked with installing a handrail system on an access ramp to a turbine base using a telehandler. The operative stopped the telehandler on the ramp and exited the cabin, as he exited the cabin his right foot slipped. He inadvertently grabbed the handbrake with his right hand to stop his fall – this caused the handbrake to release causing the telehandler to travel forward and free wheel down the ramp; the front left wheel contacted the slope side wall, and in doing so the telehandler mounted the bank and overturned.



The incident is now under investigation and the key learning points will be issued when available.

What action is required?

- Ensure your team is briefed on the H.I.T (Handbrake, In-Gear and Turn Wheel) process;
- Always park plant and vehicles on a flat surface, shut down engine and put in the appropriate gear (or park);
- Ensure operatives are suitably trained, competent and fit to work;
- Ensure RAMS are in place and suitable plant and machinery are selected for the task;
- Prior to instigating a recovery, ensure a robust recovery procedure is in place and communicated;
- Remember the environment – check for oil leaks and deploy spill kits where safe to do;

Please refer to the following guidance documents for more information.

- H.I.T - ssenet Home > Your safety > SHE Briefs >Toolbox Talks >H.I.T (Handbrake, In Gear, Turn Wheel)

Communication by (✓)	LSG	X	Notice board	X	Tool-box talk	X	Team brief	X
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