HEALTH
 ENVIRONMENT
 DOCUMENTATION
 TECHNICAL
 PANEL OF INQUIRY

 SAFETY
 SCOTTIShPower Express
 HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

Reference no.: EXP-10-455

Serious Accident involving Fork Lift Truck

Date:14/02/2020



## Serious Accident involving Fork Lift Truck

On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 a contractor was injured at our Lister Drive Depot by a fork lift truck.

Although this incident is still to be investigated, it has some similarities to the serious accident involving a lift truck at Cambuslang in 2012, when a member of the Logistics team sustained a serious injury when his foot became trapped under the rear wheel of a fork lift truck.

On average, lift trucks are involved in about a quarter of all workplace transport accidents. Vehicles striking pedestrians was the second highest cause of workplace fatalities in the UK in 2018/19.

This Express has been issued to raise awareness of this most recent incident and to remind staff of the control measures implemented following the incident at Cambuslang in 2012.



## **Recommendations and action points**

- Always assess the risks of moving plant and vehicles, ensure adequate controls are considered and implemented.
- Wherever possible, **segregate** vehicles and pedestrians, consider the use of physical barriers.
- **Ensure** you are always in full view of the driver of the vehicle and in a place of safety away from plant/equipment.
- Be Seen Be Safe Wear Hi Visibility clothing

## Always maintain a safe distance Make sure you are visible to the driver