Safety Alert/ Bulletin Subject: Telehandlers/ Forklifts



Description of Accident/Incident

Following a recent site incident where the retaining pin and main lock pin for the telehandler fork carriage came out, resulting in the carriage falling completely off the telehandler during tipping of a mini skip, we remind all plant operators of the required daily/ weekly checks that must be carried out and the safe working requirements for telehandlers:

In normal use the retaining/linch pins and larger main pins should not become damaged or loose however they should always be physically checked/inspected daily before use and also confirmed to be suitably secure on the weekly PUWER plant inspection record

Pictures/ Additional Information



JCB Telehandler with retaining/ linch pin and main lock pin in place



JCB retaining/linch pin and main lock pin securely in place. Additional JCB securing chain should also be attached (as above)



Manitou Telehandler with retaining/ linch pin and main lock pin in place



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Learnings/Considerations

Safe Working is Mandatory - Always comply with the manufactiurers safe working requirements and procedures.

Important: Do not use the telehandler for activities which it is not designed to carry out or activities which could result in materials/ objects coming into contact with the underside of the forklift carriage where the reatining pins/ hydraulic hoses are located.

- Do Not Use the forks to hammer down/ squash materials into skips
- Do Not Use the forks to level out ground areas and spread stone
- Do Not Use the forks for pushing in fence posts
- Do Not undersling/ suspend loads from the forks unless a planned lifting assessment has been carried out and proprietery lifting hook attachments are in place

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