

Incident M6 J26 07.06.18

Reporting Traffic

Incursions / Incidents

During an evening work on the M6 J26 NB a member of the public's vehicle (a black Nissan Qashqai) entered site (HS L1/2 closure) and collided with a WJ Bobcat/ Skid steer whilst stationary straddling the HS rib line. The vehicle entered site from lane three and proceeded to drive down lane one at speed, the vehicle travelled approximately two hundred meters before running straight into the rear of our Bobcat.

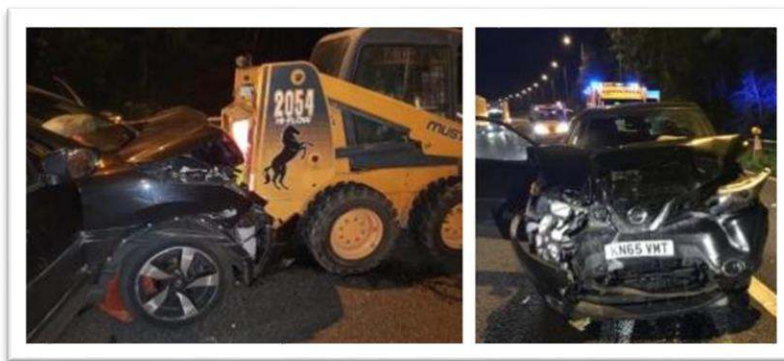
There was no evidence that the vehicle tried to swerve or even braked, the Bobcat is a substantial vehicle and fortunately the operative/driver sustained only minor injuries (Bruised ribs and forearm), it does not bare to comprehend if any other operations had of been conducted in this area at the time of the incident. Imagine if the rib line was being scabbled using a petrol hand propelled scabbling machine.

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phone 01902 824 325

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Times have certainly progressed from petrol hand propelled scabblers and this incident proves the worth of WJ's considerable investment to mechanise operations which we will continue to do to protect our workforce.



On this occasion the driver was a 60yr old vicar who had no memory of the incident even taking place when our Bobcat operative opened his door to ensure the driver was ok;

“Who are you and what are you doing in my car whilst I am driving?”

When you arrive on site be sure to follow guidance from the TM professionals during the start of shift briefings, park in safe location when vehicles are not being used identified by the TM and report any incursions to the TM site representatives as well as WJ site supervisor/ line manager and the SOS system.

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Remember you MUST report all incidents no matter how minor you think they may be.

To improve safety when travelling or working on the strategic road network, the group continues to promote the prompt and accurate reporting of all incursions by the workforce to their supervisors, managers, TSCO's & on the SOS system.

To keep safe:

- Where possible use a WJ vehicle as a barrier behind any hand / manual working operations.
- Keep head torches fully charged and use during the hours of darkness
- Keep PPE clean and in good condition.
- Check all vehicle work lights/beacons and report defects accordingly.
- STOP works if you think it is unsafe.
- Comply with the TM rules as per the induction (site speed limits, works access/exit, reporting procedures etc.)

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