

SCP FATALITY

11th June 2014

Ref 016-14

Safety Alert - Ringway Jacobs

Date – 6th June 2014

Time – 07:00hrs

Division – Ringway Jacobs - Cheshire East

Location – Cheshire

An Altak supply chain partner operative, Gary Blundell, was lowering the tailgate of their beaver tail small commercial vehicle which was being used to transport grass cutting equipment on to site. It appears that the hinge or spring on the tailgate has failed while being lowered and a metal object has subsequently struck Gary and he fell to the ground.

Gary was found by his co-worker some minutes after and Emergency services were called and First Aid administered, then transferred to hospital. Gary's condition was very serious and life threatening. Gary remained on life support and we have been advised yesterday that he has passed away in hospital. Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of those involved in this tragic incident.

The subcontractor's vehicle is a Citroen Relay 2.2D modified by body fabricator. The springs were fitted at a later date but we are unsure of the date of modification. This vehicle has been taken away by the Police for a thorough investigation and we will learn more in due course via the Police and/or the Health and Safety Executive.

We must ensure that the mechanisms in place for lifting and lowering these types of ramps are fit for purpose, that they are maintained and are in good working order.

As more details and facts are known, we will update.



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