



## WORKPLACE SAFETY NOTICE (WSN)

TOPIC <b>WORKER FATALLY PINNED BY DUMP TRUCK BUCKET</b>			Reference Number 2022/WSN/01
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On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a worker was pinned between the battery steel frame cover and the angle iron guard rail underneath the dumper bucket of a Dump Truck while he was trying to fix the truck battery. The worker died at the scene.



### How can this accident be prevented?

Such accidents can be prevented when the following safety precautions are observed and applied at the workplace:

- Always ensure that the raised dumper bucket is adequately supported prior to working under it.
- Do not** rely on the truck's hydraulic system to hold the dumper bucket up while working under it.

- c) **Engage** the dumper-bucket lock bars before performing tasks under a raised dumper-bucket to ensure support is permanently attached and to prevent accidental lowering or sudden drop of the dumper-bucket body. 'Homemade' arrangements are **not advised** as means of support.
- d) **Ensure** dumper bucket remained **fully lowered at all times**.
- e) **Ensure** the Dump Truck and its mechanisms are **inspected** by a **competent person** and **maintained** regularly. All records of inspections and maintenance are to be kept for future reference.
- f) If there are any doubt on the operation of the Dump Truck, please **consult** the Operator's Manual of the Dump Truck or **contact** the Original Equipment Manufacturer.
- g) Before starting any work activity, please **perform a risk assessment** to identify all potential hazards and, if it is identified, to eliminate or control the hazard immediately.
- h) **Avoid** or minimise Lone Working.

SHENA seeks assistance from the public to ensure these precautions are extended to the relevant parties involved in the operation of Dump Trucks.