

# Your Safety Is Our Priority

## Managing safety at our depots

We recognise that our premises, by their nature, present many hazards to our staff, contractors and visitors. With this in mind, we have stringent procedures in place to ensure we manage risk effectively and reduce the possibility of accidents on our premises.

Each depot has a yard plan with clear signage and designated areas for serviced and un-serviced equipment, loading areas, ancillary equipment storage, safety advisory signage, designated waste storage areas, recycling points Etc. For the safety of all depot personnel and visitors alike, we also clearly designate areas of our depots where high-vis clothing should be worn.



Example of yard signage at each depot.



Our yards feature clear signage and designated areas.

All depots have purpose built wash bays with oil interceptor systems. Selected depots have full paint shop facilities for the refurbishment of or hire fleet equipment.

Our paint shops comply with current health/safety and environmental legislation.

We recognise the hazards associated with our site accommodation yards and have many procedures in place to reduce the potential for accidents.

Many of these initiatives have been implemented as a result of continuous communication with our front line staff via on site meetings, suggestions, employee forums or accident investigation.

We operate a culture of continuous improvement across all areas of our business, particularly with regards to the effective management of health and safety. Each year, we implement many initiatives to reduce the possibility of accidents at our premises or on site. A small selection of case studies is highlighted below.

# Case Studies



## Yard Tugs

As a result of two accidents related to the manual handling of wheeled plant within our yards and workshops, we introduced tow tugs to all our plant depots which in turn eliminated the need to push trailers, bowsers or compressors around our yards.

## Fork Pockets

The vast majority of our site accommodation units are now fitted with fork pockets. This reduces the need for a crane lift in our yards which in turn reduces the potential of accidents associated with lifting or falls from height.



## Fall Arrest Lanyards

Whilst we recognise that fork pockets reduces the inherent dangers associated with crane lifts in our yards, our drivers frequently use lorry loader cranes for the placement of cabins on site. Each driver is issued with and trained in correct use of fall arrest lanyards.

## Toilet Service Vehicles

As a result of driver feedback all our toilet service vehicles now have a "clean" and "dirty" side with separate hose reels for fresh tap water (clean) and replenished toilet water (dirty). Our drivers are trained to change gloves also when switching between hoses.



## Annual Major Inspections

We recognise that towed equipment presents additional safety risks. In addition to service checklists and on-site preventative maintenance checklists, we carry out a comprehensive annual major inspection of all our Groundhog towed welfare units, similar to a vehicle MOT to ensure units are safe.

## Internal Safety Alerts

As we supply and maintain over 450 product lines with model variants from many manufacturers, we regularly identify potential safety issues on certain products. We communicate these issues internally via Safety Alerts or in more serious cases, we will implement a working party who will create an action plan. Apart from communicating our rectification procedure, we monitor the programme within our quality management system until we have proof that all affected equipment has been rectified.

