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Subject: Unsafe Working with an Excavator

What is the danger / risk?

A recent near miss highlighted that a supervisor and operative were using a bucket as an access platform. This incident had the potential for serious injury / fatality to occur. This behaviour is not acceptable at any time.

Incident Information

On the 6th July a supervisor and banksman were standing in the bucket of the 8 tonne excavator whilst being lifted approx. 1.5m. No one was injured. Team have been suspended

Many accidents have occurred within the construction industry whilst performing similar tasks. It is a legal requirement within the Health and Safety law that equipment is fit for purpose, i.e. buckets are not access platforms.

Action Required

The following action must be carried out on all projects:

- All personnel are to understand their roles and responsibilities under section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work Act.
- All activities are to properly planned, appropriately supervised and carried out in a safe manner
- Planning must include the selection of appropriate work equipment and planning for any emergencies or any rescue.
- All works must have a suitable and sufficient risk assessment
- All personnel are to report any activity or defect that they know is to endanger the safety of themselves or that or any other person



We will not compromise on safety to achieve any other objective.

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