

Safety Alert

Incidents involving overhead Assets

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Background information

- In the past 12 months there have been 13 reported Airsweb incidents involving collisions with overhead structures and services, from our supply chain.
- These have been the result of a combination of strikes (hits) and near misses attributed to mobile plant equipment and vehicles and/or their respective loads, travelling beneath, directly beneath or working adjacent to overhead assets, structures.
- Examples include; a mobile tower lighting unit and a raised HIAB in collision with structures and a 360-degree excavator coming into contact with a temporary low voltage cable.
- Safe clearance relies on adequate procedures and safe systems of work being in place to prevent possible contact and those procedures being followed alongside supervision to ensure those procedures are followed.
- As a result of these recent incidents, we would like our supply chain to re-enforce their safe systems of work in relation to overhead structures and vehicle movement and review supervision to ensure those procedures are being followed.



Lessons Learnt

- Raising the Bar document 1, Plant and Equipment, and document 7 Overhead Structures and Service Protection should be considered.
- Further guidance and specific case studies are available within the Overhead Protection campaign in the initiatives folder also found on the H&S hub alongside the Raising the Bar documents.
- <https://www.highwaysafetyhub.com>