

SAFETY ALERT

Crane Incident – 07/06/2017

WHAT HAPPENED:

Whilst lifting a structural steel frame one of two soft slings fixed to the head of the frame failed allowing one side of the frame to fall approx 400mm vertically onto the ground. The second soft sling then failed because it was carrying the whole weight of the frame dropping it to the ground. The frame then toppled onto the AC100 Mobile crane, becoming wedged at an approx. 30 deg against the main boom ram. The operator was not injured.

Site emergency procedures were implemented and all personnel accounted for. Notifications and the securing of the scene began immediately once safety assessments had been carried out.

NOTES:

The sling that has failed has an unusual break pattern, which appears to be inconsistent with an overloading failure. The sling has been sent for independent analysis.



IMMEDIATE ACTIONS REQUIRED:

All soft slings are to be checked immediately for any defects. If defective slings are found, remove from service immediately and notify Frank O'Mara and Rob Abraas with pictures and details.

Any 6Mtr 8Tn soft slings that have been purchased from Bridon Cooks between March 2017 – May 2017 with the following batch details (Serial Number BR711, Manufactured February 2017) must be removed regardless of condition until further notice and notified to Frank and Rob.

Any questions please contact a member of the Health and Safety team.

