

VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS

Illustrative training scenario - not an actual IPS incident

1 BACKGROUND

Deliveries and mobile plant can put workers and visitors at risk, especially where routes change during construction.

2 SCENARIO

Training example: a delivery vehicle begins reversing while a worker steps into its route to pass a stack of materials.

3 IMMEDIATE RISK

A person can be struck or crushed. Stop the movement and clear the area before any manoeuvre resumes.

4 CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS

The walkway was blocked, the reversing area was not segregated and the visiting driver had not received clear instructions.

5 KEY CONTROLS

Separate people and vehicles with suitable routes and barriers. Keep walkways clear and provide visible crossings. Avoid reversing where possible through delivery planning and one-way routes.

6 SUPERVISOR CHECK

Brief drivers and workers on the traffic plan. Check lighting and visibility. Use trained, authorised signallers where required by the plan. Keep pedestrians outside the manoeuvring area; high-visibility clothing alone is not separation.

STOP • CHECK • ACT

**Keep people out of
vehicle routes.**

Briefing aid: apply the project risk assessment, method statement and manufacturer instructions.

HSE guidance: [construction/safetytopics/vehicledrivers.htm](https://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/vehicledrivers.htm)