



## Bale Arm Type Concrete Skips

A recent incident has occurred within the industry where an operative sadly lost his life after the bale arm of a concrete column skip (similar to that shown in the image) dropped and struck him on the back of the neck whilst he was cleaning it.

Concrete skips of this type have a safety chain system to stop the bale arm falling when in the upright position, however this is often missing or just not used.



### Actions for all projects and contractors using concrete skips

- Where possible, concrete skips that reduce the risk of entrapment must be used. See Morgan Sindall Visual Standard **SHE-VIS-054 – Concrete Skips (Reduced Entrapment)**.
- If bale arm types are to be used, the requirements of the Visual Standard **SHE-VIS-053 – Concrete Skips (Entrapment Risk)** must be followed.
- Review all concrete skips that are currently on site, and remove all those that do not have a mechanism in place to prevent entrapment (Safety chain, lugs that restrict movement etc)
- Ensure that RAMS are in place for the safe use, storage and cleaning of concrete skips, and that users have been briefed on the requirements.



Safe by choice



Safe by design



Safe lives



Safe places



Safe relationships

REFERENCE	ISSUED	DISPLAY UNTIL
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