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# Shocking JCB Crash: Dangles Over Fraserburgh Harbour Wall

## Description

On July 24, 2024, at approximately 7:50 AM, a JCB vehicle lost control and crashed through a barrier at Fraserburgh Harbour in Aberdeenshire. The vehicle ended up precariously balanced over the harbour's edge, supported only by its partially submerged lifting arm.

## Emergency Response

Emergency services were promptly alerted and arrived on the scene. The driver of the JCB, who did not fall into the water, was transported to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Initial assessments indicated that the driver had suffered suspected broken ribs.

## Statements from Authorities

### Police Scotland

Police Scotland confirmed their presence at the scene but noted that the Fraserburgh Harbour Board is responsible for handling the incident.

### Scottish Ambulance Service

A spokesperson for the Scottish Ambulance Service provided the following statement: "We received a call today at 0751 hours to attend an incident in Fraserburgh Harbour. We dispatched one ambulance and transferred one male patient to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary."

## Fraserburgh Harbour Board's Response

A spokeswoman for the Fraserburgh Harbour Board emphasized that the operation of industrial vehicles along the quayside complies with their health and safety guidelines. She stated, "A small industrial vehicle left the quayside and entered the Harbour. The operation of such vehicles along the quayside does not contravene any Fraserburgh Harbour health and safety guidelines."

The spokeswoman further noted that all harbour users are required to sign a health and safety handbook and conduct thorough risk assessments. "It is a requirement for all Harbour users to sign a Contractor & Harbour Users HSEQ Handbook and they are responsible for carrying out a thorough Risk Assessment and Safe Working System HSE assessment of their own activity," she added.

## Investigation and Safety Measures

The incident is currently under investigation, with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) being notified. The Harbour Board is committed to ensuring the safety of all its users and will review all procedures

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and safety protocols to prevent future incidents.

## Community Impact

The local community has expressed concern over the incident. Fraserburgh Harbour, a critical part of the town's infrastructure, seldom experiences such events. Residents and harbour workers are advocating for stricter safety measures to prevent similar accidents in the future.

## Conclusion

The incident at Fraserburgh Harbour highlights the importance of maintaining rigorous safety standards and constant vigilance in industrial settings. As the investigation progresses, the findings will play a crucial role in enhancing safety measures, ensuring that Fraserburgh Harbour remains a secure and efficient hub for industrial activities.

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