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Outline the Scene	Incident	Drainlayer vs mini excavator
	Subject	Struck by Mobile Plant
	Incident Date	27/08/2024
	Business Unit	Fletcher Living - Central Branch

What happened



The mini excavator was parked, and the boom was blocking the trench where the drainlayer needed to install his pipes. The drainlayer asked his colleague who was also the operator to swing the boom around to the other side. The drainlayer remained in the trench while the operator got in and started the digger. Although the safety lever was still up and hand controls disengaged, the operator was unaware he had his foot on the boom pivot pedal which was not disengaged, and the boom started moving slowly toward the worker without the cab turning and alerting the operator. The arm knocked the drainlayer on the shoulder before coming to a stop. The drainlayer lost his balance and fell over. He did not sustain any injuries.



We believe all injuries are preventable, here are some questions to help us learn



- Do we ensure everyone is out of the swing zone before starting up mobile plant?
- Are operators familiar with the machine they are using, and making use of all the safety interlocks available to them?
- Are we ensuring that operators undergo regular training and assessments?
- Are operators and others working near mobile plant trained on the potential dangers of distractions?

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