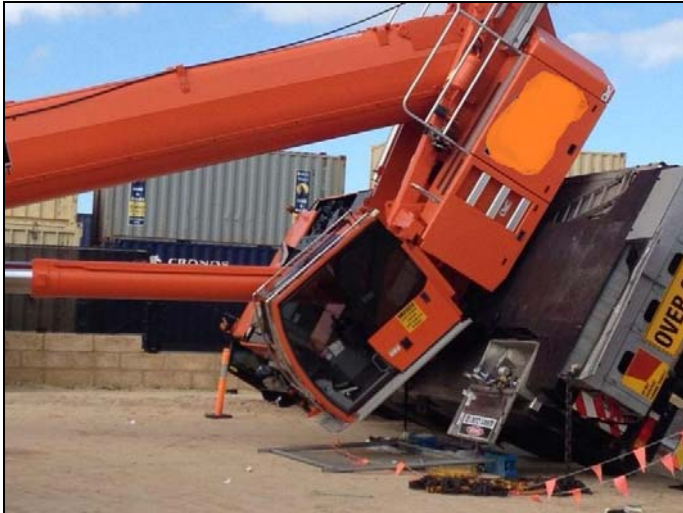


Greetings All,

Three crane incidents in the past week over in the west of the country must leave some people wondering if it was last week's extremely full moon that caused them, or perhaps something else.



As a crane owner, the phone call is the beginning of a nightmare that is possibly up there with finding out that your wife is having an affair, or something has happened to one of your kids.



Nobody intends to tip a crane over, and only in due course will a thorough investigation deliver the truth of the matter. Social media seems to have many experts with an opinion.



The dangers of social media have been discussed in these bulletins before. It seems everyone has a camera on their phone which is able to capture fantastically clear images, as well as instantly give an opinion on what is right or wrong, regardless of how close they may or may not have been to the story.



When something like these three recent incidents occur, the first thing we all hope for is that no-one was physically hurt. There will certainly be a bruised ego or two, but we always want to hear that everybody gets to go home to their families and friends. Because after all, that's why we go to work in the first place – to provide for our loved ones.

Dealing with the incident, no matter how big or small, should always be done thoroughly and with professional assistance. There will be investigations, accusations and possible court cases to follow. If you have the right people working alongside you, hopefully the truth and the facts eventually overcome the innuendo and the rumours.

We all dislike seeing the cranes that we love lying on their side, broken and damaged. Make sure that whatever is needed to avoid that happening is part of your safety plan today, tomorrow and at all times in the future.

Cheers for now and have a Safe Week.

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