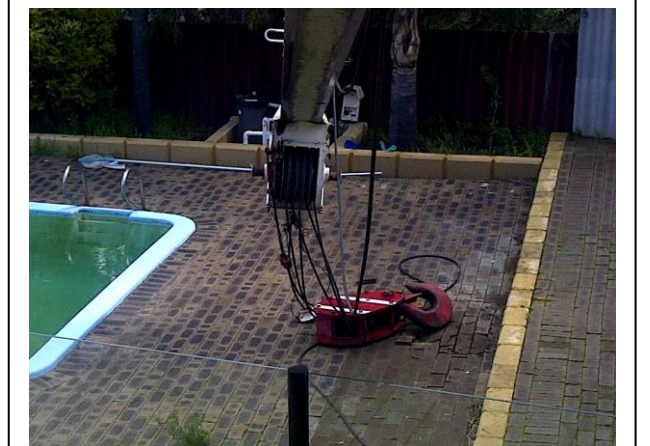
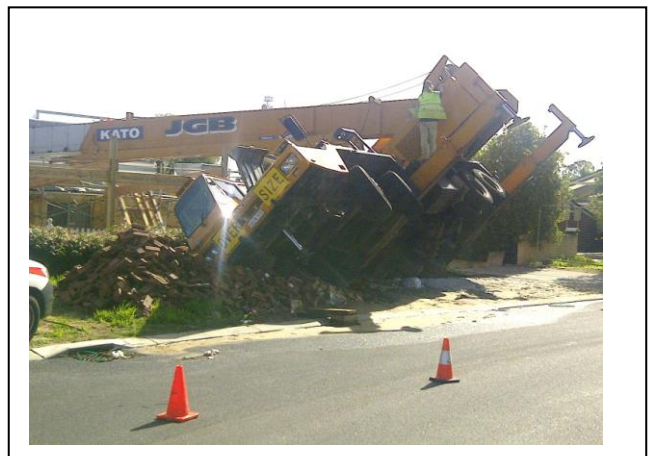


**BACKGROUND:**

A crane, while operating at a domestic construction site, has tipped over with the boom of the crane coming in contact with the house under construction and a neighbouring property. The main sheave has landed in the pool area of the adjoining property. No one was injured.

The main cause of the incident appears to be the failure of a water mains supply pipe which was located in the front verge area of the property.

One of the cranes outriggers was above the pipe when it failed. Subsequently the soil was washed out from underneath the outrigger which led to the crane becoming unbalanced and tipping over.



**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- The location of underground services should always be taken into consideration when setting up a crane.
- Ground type and ground conditions should be included in all pre lift risk assessments.
- Always ensure adequate exclusion zones, where practicable, in any areas where cranes are in operation.

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