

## RIDDOR: Specified Injury, Hip Fracture

iSMS Number:	677798	Client:	St Helens Borough Council
		Subcontractor:	Worrall & Batty (W&B)
Date:	13/09/2022	Time:	17:00hrs
SBU/DU:	UKCS Regional Civils - North West DU	Project:	CRMMS021   Parkside Link Road Project

### Description

The IP lost his footing while exiting the cab of his excavator, and fell to the hardstanding, landing on his hip.

### Summary

W&B are a specialist drainage contractor. The gang had completed their day's activities and returned to the Eastern Satellite compound to park up in the designated plant storage area. The operator of the 20t excavator isolated his machine and prepared to dismount from the cab, using the designated access/egress point. The IP's foot slipped on the heavily mudded step causing him to fall.

At the time of the incident other W&B operatives were in the area of the plant compound and observed the IP on the floor alongside the excavator. The W&B operatives and BB First aider tended to the IP and immediately called an ambulance.

The IP stated he was experiencing significant pain in his right hip. As the waiting time for the ambulance was extended and by 21:00 it had not arrived on site, the decision was made to take the IP direct to Warrington A&E in the site vehicle.

The IP remained in hospital overnight, awaiting further medical treatment. A family member (son) also working for W&B reported his father had sustained a fracture to his hip.



Access/Egress Points – IP Location after fall

### Immediate Learning and Action:



- A toolbox talk has been drafted and briefed to ensure safe access/egress is in place, three points of contact are used, and all access steps are inspected and free of obstructions prior to access/egress.
- Ensure regular plant checks are completed to ensure cab access/egress points are free from obstructions.
- Ensure hi-visibility access steps and handrails are compliant with BB Plant Specifications.
- Where there is the possibility of mud/debris obstructing steps/safety features of plant, implement a system where work colleagues check them before the operator exits the vehicle.

## RIDDOR, Specified Injury: Fractured Ankle

iSMS Number:	TBA	Client:	HS2/BBV
		Subcontractor:	Hercules
Date:	28/09/2022	Time:	15:54 hrs
SBU/DU:	HS2	Project:	HS2

### Description

A chain-person fractured his ankle while walking between survey points

### Summary

A chain-person, working with the survey team, was involved in checking monitoring stations for the Esso Pipeline at the Bromford East Portal. While walking between survey points carrying the survey staff and a bamboo stick, he inadvertently placed his foot into a wheel rut causing him to go over on his ankle.

The IP initially continued to work after a short break however the pain became unbearable and after a review by the first aider he was advised to go to A&E. After an x-ray the IP was informed that he had fractured his right ankle and was referred to the fracture clinic.

The IP had received a full briefing and point of work risk assessment and was wearing serviceable boots that were fully laced up. The wheel rut was ankle deep and partially camouflaged by vegetation (grass), but it was still clearly visible to pedestrians.



### Immediate Learning and Actions

- Review opportunities to allow remote monitoring of survey stations
- Conduct an audit of access routes including footpaths, work areas, steps in/out of plant and welfare.
- Remind everyone to use footpaths where provided. and raise observations where there are ruts, holes, trip hazards or obstructions.

## RIDDOR, Specified Injury: Fractured Ankle

iSMS Number:	677802	Client: Subcontractor:	National Grid Ventures GPC
Date:	14/09/2022	Time:	11:45 hrs
SBU/DU:	Power T&D	Project:	ULG5343   Viking Link Onshore Civils

### Description

A subcontractor operative rolled his ankle and suffered a fracture and sprain.

### Summary

GPC, had completed the rolling out of terram geotextile during haul road construction. The IP stepped down a height of approximately nine inches, onto the terram (in the 'void' area where no stone is laid), and rolled their right ankle.

The IP was wearing the correct footwear (laced up ankle length boots). He was tended to by his work colleagues and taken to Boston hospital for examination, where it was confirmed that he has suffered a fracture and a sprain to his ankle.

The ground was dry and the weather conditions were clear.

### Immediate Learning and Action:

- Area of the incident has been checked for specific slip and trip hazards; none were found
- There is an increased risk of injury when stepping into an incomplete haul road where designed voids are present.
- Viking Link team had achieved 532 days LTI free until this point – we need to ensure our relentless focus on all aspects of HSES remains including the risk of injuries from slips and trips.



## >3day LTI: Cut Groin

iSMS Number:	677871	Client: Subcontractor:	Connect Plus/Highways England
Date:	19/09/2022	Time:	08:30 hrs
SBU/DU:	Major Projects, Highways	Project:	CESC0902   Connect Plus Services (CPS) M25 Area 5 Design Build Finance Operate (DBFO)

### Description

A CPS operative suffered a cut groin.

### Summary

The IP was installing an advanced traffic management sign as part of traffic management for the Queen's funeral procession on the verge of the M25 main carriageway, to enable a full slip road closure at junction 13.

While fixing clips on the sign frame, the IP slipped and fell onto the safety barrier causing a laceration to his groin. One of the other traffic management operatives was able to partially catch the injured party and arrest the fall. The IP attended hospital and received stitches to the wound.

### Immediate Learning and Action:

- Always ensure footwear is appropriate and in good condition.
- Always consider slip, trip and fall risk when planning works and minimise exposure to poor ground/surface conditions.



Location where the sign was erected



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