

# Falling TM Signage

## *Safety Alert*

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### Description:

Two operatives were struck on the back of their hard hats by a falling TM sign that had blown over in strong winds. The sign was approximately 2400mm x 2400mm in size.

The operatives were stood in front of the sign at the time of the incident observing the loading of nearby plant.



### Investigation/ findings:

- The RAMS did not identify the requirements for sufficient ballast
- Supplier/manufacturer of TM signage did not provide recommendations of minimum ballast requirement as per guidance in BS 8442:2015
- Weather conditions on the day of the incident were not considered as part of the start of shift briefing
- TM signage was not considered within the Temporary Works register for the project therefore no historic assessment was carried out to deem whether existing measures were sufficient.

### Learning:

- Consider daily weather reports for inclusion in Start of Shift briefings.
- Risk of temporary signs falling in high winds to be briefed during Start of Shift briefings.
- Inspect signage to ensure sufficient ballast.
- Review Temporary Works requirements of Temporary Traffic Management signage.
- Review site TM signs and establish if, where practicable, long term signs can be erected on passive poles or whether non-essential signs can be removed.

### Further Information:

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