

## Traffic Management Operative Incident

### Overview

On the 14<sup>th</sup> July, at approximately 2300, a traffic management operative suffered an injury whilst deploying Traffic Management on the M62 west bound at junction 2. The operative was working on the rear of the HGV traffic management vehicle removing a frame from the frame rack on the offside of the vehicle.

As the operative turned with the frame in their hands, they took a step back with their right leg and fell into the cone well sustaining a broken scapula.



Initial findings identified the following contributory factors

- The offside coning well was open as the crew were still in the process of installing the longitudinal run.
- There were a bag of cone lamps restricting the working area.
- The signs had been stowed incorrectly forcing the operative to take the sign out from the opposite side to that normally used.
- Situational Awareness – The operative was focussed on the task in hand i.e. accessing the frames, and a lapse of concentration led to them being unaware of the risk of the opened cone well.

### Actions

- Traffic Management vehicles to be checked prior to deployment to ensure all equipment is correctly stowed and that all working areas are free from obstructions and tripping hazards.
- The trap door should be closed when the cone well is not being used.
- Operatives should be aware of their surroundings at all times.
- Operatives should stop work immediately if they identify hazards, and make the work area safe before proceeding.