

Reportable Injury Fracture to Elbow

Safety Alert

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Incident Description

On 14th February 2018 a foreman, conducting his normal working duties, sustained an injury to his elbow after tripping over a piece of metal that was on the ground. The work area had been considered a clean, sterile work area having been very recently cleaned, inspected and made safe to work.

Unfortunately the object had not been seen or identified as a hazard by the IP or any operatives walking through the site previously.

At the time of the incident, the weather was overcast but dry. The IP was fully aware of his surroundings and there were no obvious distractions as he walked.

The IP has been in a supervisory role within the central reserve for a long period. Part of his duties are coordinating works and maintaining housekeeping standards. It is not known whether the object had been present for a period of time or only a short period as the operatives passed through the area.



This may not have registered as a hazard to some; what you identify and remove may prevent any further similar incidents.

Actions

- Full investigation into the accident has been completed.
- Weekly site tours are to continue and monitored by the Senior GF
- Supervisors to ensure hazard identification is carried out at each site with hazards removed
- Individuals must be aware of their surroundings and carry out a dynamic risk assessment whilst performing their duties. Any hazards observed must be removed as appropriate and reported.

