

Safety Alert

Broken Gantry Hatch – Area 9

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At 14:00 hours on Tuesday 27th November 2018 a steel hatch cover used to block unauthorized access onto gantries failed at its hinge points.

The operative on site reported this fault to his supervisor and the NCC immediately who raised a near miss.

No-one was injured, although this could of lead to a serious incident.

A full investigation is underway and while the root cause of the incident is yet unknown, all investigation findings shall be shared with all, to help staff who may access gantries to be extra vigilant and to help reduce reoccurrence.

Going forward please can we remind all staff of the following –

- Any personnel accessing fixed ladders and access points, hinges, rungs, grates side rails, locks and keeps must be inspected for any obvious signs of defect prior to accessing above.
- Ensure that no personnel are situated directly below where a component may fall.
- Ensure defects are reported as soon as possible to your supervisor.
- If in any doubt, stop and speak to your Line Manager for further advise.