



Safety Alert

Slips Trips and Falls

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Introduction

Recently on one of our projects, a drainage supervisor was checking the planning for the next activity. He was standing on the verge looking at the location markings which had been sprayed on the ground to demark the installation location of a feeder pillar by an engineer previously.

He turned around to walk from the verge back to the road, and placed his right foot onto the concrete haunching to the back of the installed kerb. As he applied weight to step up, his foot slipped down the concrete haunching causing his ankle to turn inwards resulting in IP to falling onto the ground. He sustained 4 fractures to his right ankle.

This should serve as a reminder that regardless of efforts made, ground conditions can always create risks of slips, trips and falls.



Immediate Actions

- ❖ Continuously assess your underfoot conditions when walking around site.
- ❖ Avoid stepping onto concrete haunchings or other unlevel surface.
- ❖ Ensure that underfoot conditions and specific slip, trips and falls hazards are considered. Any specific controls must be detailed and communicated via the relevant risk assessments and task briefings.
- ❖ Always take care when you are moving around the site, regardless of whether you consider yourself to be in a high risk area or not.