



Safety Alert

A38 Specified Injury

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R&W Civil Engineering



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A recent accident occurred on the A38 which resulted in a RIDDOR reportable specified injury.

On Monday 22nd March the Injured Person (IP) had parked their van within a closed layby, upon exiting they walked towards the site storage container which was placed on the verge. Upon stepping onto the verge, the IP tripped on the kerb and landed on his right hand, the IP was immediately taken to the local A&E where they received an x-ray and a diagnosis of a hairline fracture to their wrist and a broken thumb. The IP has returned to light duties as of 30th March.



The investigation found that the IP had suffered from a momentary lapse in spatial awareness, but other potential contributory factors were considered which are discussion points for other sites.

- Housekeeping – The site itself had a good level of housekeeping at the time of the incident and looking back through site inspection history had a good level throughout the duration of the project.
- Risk Assessment – The site team had identified the risk of slips, trips and falls and appropriate control measures had been followed, going above and beyond in the woodland area by installing rubber matting to reduce the likelihood of an incident.
- COVID-19 Vaccination – The IP had received their COVID-19 Vaccination on the Saturday prior to the incident, although they were not feeling any effects from the vaccination, individuals have been reacting differently and this could be a potential factor for others.

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