

SAFETY ALERT

Date 04/11/2015

GS6 ZONES

DETAILS

All overhead lines and structures on the project are protected with GS6 Zones. Blue Cones and Goal Posts are set up to provide a visible indication that there is a potential risk overhead.

On the afternoon of 4th November 2015, a team using a grab wagon to backfill a trench with sand, found themselves under a concrete gantry. The team were aware of the blue cones and goal posts but failed to put any further control measures in place.

A briefing had been carried out at the start of the shift but it failed to identify that part of the work activity would be undertaken in a GS6 zone. The team positioned the grab wagon under the concrete gantry as they worked along the length of the trench. Whilst the backfilling operation was carried out, the Grab Arm came into contact with the concrete gantry, scoring the underside.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

All work with Grab Wagons within GS6 Zones has been suspended until the completion of the investigation into the incident.

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Remember that when completing your task specific, daily briefing, look up as well as on the ground for potential hazards. Goal posts and coloured cones are there to give you visual reminders. If anything out of the ordinary happens, **STOP WORK** and report to your supervisor.



GS6 is there to indicate a structure or overhead power line is in your work area.