

Avoidance of Crossing over safety Barrier Z-Posts

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Background

- This safety Alert has been Produced in line with the current Milnrow & Samlesbury Kaizen campaign to reduce slips, trips and falls and associated injuries
- The Alert aims to remind all Traffic Officers and Inspectors whilst working on the network of certain hazards they will encounter, i.e., in particular Z posts.
- Whilst dealing with incidents Traffic Officers and Inspectors are advised to stand behind a barrier if available, in doing so they should exercise caution whilst crossing over as Z posts that are attached to barriers some of which by design can have extremely sharp edges and are exposed on the inside of the barrier.
- These sharp edges can cause not only damage to uniform but more importantly injuries to the person including lacerations and musculoskeletal.



Action Required

- Traffic Officers/inspectors should aim to cross the barrier away from the Z post i.e., in the middle of the barrier, if safe to do so after completing a DRA. If crossing by the Z post is unavoidable then they should use extra care
- **“At all times” please remember ‘Look down before you step down’**
- Any incidents involving Z posts no matter how small should be reported to the duty TM and entered on to the HART system, undesired, near miss or personal injury for investigation and feedback.