

Safety Notice

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Subject: SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

What's Happened?

On two occasions, there have been accidents reported of a very similar nature where operatives have suffered sprains to the left ankle caused by both operatives standing on uneven ground. These accidents have occurred in short period of time

How Did They Happen?

Each operative was assigned to remove spoil from site with grab wagons. Both operatives were descending the ladders of the grab wagon and came into contact with excavated spoil adjacent to the grab wagons.

Recommendations and Lessons to be learnt

- All operatives working on site must make themselves familiar with their working environment.
- Site Specific Risk Assessments must be completed before any work commences.
- Whilst conducting risk assessment, all hazards must be assessed and operatives must ensure that they check for underfoot hazards, particularly ditches, holes, boulders, etc that may be loose or covered.
- All employees, including sub contractors must remember that nothing is so important that they cannot find the time to do it safely.

Safety is everybody's responsibility