



Safety Alert 24-65 Operative Fell Over Resulting in Knee Injury

The following Safety Alert contains content from an external source which is relevant to MWH Treatment Operations.

What Happened?

On Thursday, July 11th, 2024, at approximately 14:00 hrs, an operative working at Hinckley pumping station lost his footing and fell over, injuring his knee.

The IP was collecting wooden chucks to assist with levelling the welfare units on site. While collecting the wood, the IP turned and lost his balance, falling forward onto the steel mesh. His left knee was the first to take the impact.



Lay down area and where incident occurred

Consequence

The IP had sustained a cut below his left knee that required surgery under local anaesthetic.



How Could it Have Been Prevented?

- Ensure there is no loose stone or obstructions on access / egress routes and within laydown areas
- Mesh rebar should be stored away from other materials where practicable, preventing snagging or potential injuries to operatives.
- Mechanical means are used to collect materials from laydown areas when available.

Let's Talk?

- Could this happen on your site?
- Are laydown areas controlled and well maintained or could they be improved?
- Have we currently got any potential trip hazards on our site that can be removed?

For more information see [CDTT20-05 Slips, Trips and Falls Toolbox Talk](#)

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