

IP Southern Safety Flash Report 15-36 dated 11 October 15

A slip that could have been avoided?



Safe, clean steps with handrails

When exiting from a welfare unit, an individual slipped on two wet and muddy steps. He tried to break his fall with his left hand but as the day progressed his wrist became stiff.

Following his shift, he went to the minor injuries unit and was fitted with a splint and advised to have a follow-up x-ray.

Although this was only a minor injury it could have been more serious and may result in lost time.

Immediate lessons that you can implement today...

1. Do you regularly check that your steps and access points are clean and clear of debris, particularly around welfare units which see heavy traffic?
2. Do your steps have handrails and do people use them?
3. Are your steps and access points well lit so that they, and any hazards, can be clearly seen at night?

Remember: let's do everything we can to get our people home safe every day over the Christmas and New Year period.