

Works Delivery

Title: Slip and Fall in icy conditions in Eastleigh Depot Yard: Broken Arm.

Incident.

On 3rd January at 0740 hours, a member of staff working for Works Delivery Signalling Section slipped and fell over in exceptionally icy underfoot conditions. He sustained a nasty break to a bone in his right arm. (Humerous)

At the time he had walked out of the building and noticed a large patch of ice which he had placed a red fence around to warn others, he had then walked across the yard to the plant store to get salt to apply to the ice patch (The white salted area in the photo).

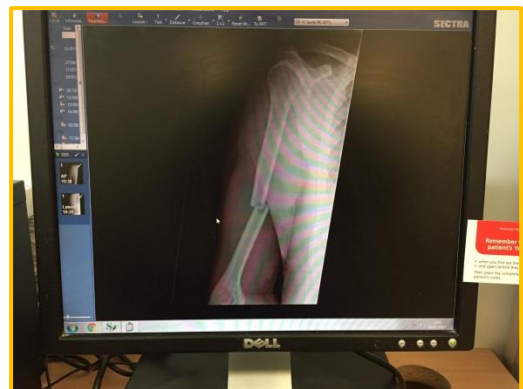
However before he could collect the rock salt to put on the ice, he walked back around the ice patch; it seems that he misjudged the slippery surface edge. He was wearing safety boots which were correctly fastened, but lost traction on the slippery surface; his feet went from underneath him. He put his hand and arm out to catch himself but as he came down he landed on his upper arm and shoulder, and he heard the crunch as his arm was damaged.

He was on the floor for approximately an hour, due to high level of demand on emergency vehicle response, subsequently treated with morphine on site before he could be moved to Hospital.

Additional Information

The front of the entrance of the Depot yard had been treated already but not the rest of the yard / compound where it had happened.

The area has been reported to Property Hotline as water is known to gather at this particular spot.



Lessons Learnt

1. During these very cold weather conditions all areas of Depot yards must be regularly treated with Rock salt or similar anti-ice treatments.
2. Areas known for gathering water should be closely monitored whilst waiting for action and if Property Action does not respond in a timely manner escalate the complaint.
3. During icy conditions make sure we have sufficient rock salt or similar anti-ice treatments available and use liberally;
 - At the depot
 - On or near the vehicles
 - Access Gates and steps
 - Taken to site.

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