

## IMDM INNER

**Title:** Slip, trip and fall accident

**Injuries:** Head injury, lacerations to elbow and bruising to leg.

### Incident

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at 03:20 at Wimbledon station, a member of Wimbledon P-Way staff who had been transporting tools and equipment from the station concourse onto a platform fell from platform 6 onto the track. He sustained a nasty cut (approx. 1.5 ins long) to the back of his head as well as several cuts and bruises to his right elbow and leg.

There were several problems with the train service during the evening, this resulted in late granting of the possession and changes to the work activities to be delivered during the shift. Last minute changes of work and time available meant the on-site organisation and movement of equipment and plant to site was not fully risk assessed.

The member of staff was working in a team of four to lower iron men from the platform onto the track. The iron men had not been dis-assembled prior to the manual lift and weighed 108 kilograms. Two of the team were on the track, while the other two remained on the platform approximately 3 feet above the track level.

The iron man was positioned 'parallel' along the edge of the platform, the two members of staff on the platform began to feed the iron man to the staff at track level, who took the weight and pulled the iron man toward the track. The IP was still holding the iron man and was pulled from the platform along with the equipment.

The injured person landed within the 4 foot striking his head on a rail. Fortunately one of the four man team involved was a fully qualified first aider, who had taken a fully stocked first aid kit onto site and who administered exemplary first aid on the individual prior to his visit to hospital.

The IP visited hospital on several occasions for follow up tests and he received 3 sessions of physiotherapy for his injuries.



The investigation is ongoing. In the meantime, please discuss the event and the following points with your teams;

#### Discussion Points:

- How would you on track large pieces of equipment; what might you have done differently?
- Where would you on track tools and equipment; is there an alternative access available?
- When you are working in a team (large or small) do you agree who is in charge, giving instructions and how; *Use of Risk Based Commentary?*
- What changes can occur to your usual practices when there are time pressures?