

SAFETY ALERT

AT THE START OR END OF A CONTRACT, REMEDIAL WORKS?

DON'T LET YOUR STANDARDS SLIP

We recently had an accident at the end of a successful contract when the site was being cleared.

The double-stacked accommodation cabins were being removed.

The landing to an upper cabin door was being removed and during the operation, an operative who was standing on the landing fell to the ground when the landing was ripped from its fixings whilst the Hiab operator took up the slack in the chains.



The photos to the right show the cabin and landing after the accident.

The individual broke his right wrist and tibia in the fall. He was lucky, it could have been worse.

The investigation identified a number of deficiencies in the normal rigour we apply to manage our works.

In the rush of a contract start-up, or winding down at the end, or indeed during remedial works when the usual contract set-up is no longer there, don't lose sight of the basics. Ensure:-

- Contractors and Individuals are competent
- Responsibilities are communicated and clearly understood
- Works are properly planned
- Planned methods of works are communicated and clearly understood
- Works are supervised by effective, trained and competent supervisors
- The works are monitored properly - holding individuals, supervisors and subcontractors to account where necessary

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