

Dislocation of knee cap due to trip in car park

What Happened?

The operative was walking across the car park outside the welfare hut and he tripped. However, on investigation there is no evidence of a trip hazard in the area, as the photograph shows.



The operative was walking across the car park to collect some different safety glasses from his van.

There is a suggestion that the larger particles of type 1 road stone began to mover under foot leading to the fall. However, this kind of hard standing is considered best practice for temporary car parks. The area has been thoroughly raked in an attempt to prevent other people injuring themselves.

After a visit to hospital the injured person was told that they had dislocated their knee cap, which means that it has to be reported to the HSE under the RIDDOR as a major injury.

Lessons for the Group

This is one of three incidents on the Olympic park during July.

Although there is little that can be drawn from this incident in terms of lessons learnt it is timely reminder that all access and egress routes should be kept clear of trip hazards. It is also an example of where the least hazardous activity (walking across a car park) can lead to a “major” injury. These issues are often forgotten on method statements so this accident could prompt site managers to review method statements to ensure that these issues are addressed.

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