



Manual Handling while Demobilising Site

What Happened?

IP had been clearing rubbish and loading old fragments of pipes into the bucket of a digger. IP lifted a small section of cast iron pipe from ground level and loaded into digger bucket which was resting on the ground.

Lessons for the Group

A specific manual handling assessment should be completed for all tasks including this one. This risk assessment should include selecting competent and trained operatives to carry out the work. The team should be briefed before starting work and a toolbox talk to ensure full understanding of reporting procedure for incidents on site as briefed in site induction.

It is recommended that all ground workers have manual handling awareness as part of their induction especially if they are to be working with MGJV for a significant amount of time. This will ensure that all operatives have the skills for the work type to be carried out prior to commencement of work.

This incident happened during the demobilisation of the Olympic Park. It should be remembered that the beginning and end of projects are when the probability of an accident increases. Therefore, it is imperative that supervision is not reduced during these times.

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