



Manual Handling of Airlines

What Happened?

The injured party left the excavation to help change over airlines (raise above the footpath between the compound and timber supports) which was being fed over the hedge across the path and into the compound.

The compressor hose was disconnected from the FL22 as airlines needed to be changed.

As the hose was being fed over the hedge onto the footpath side of the excavation it fell down and hit IP on the crown of the head with claw fitting attached. The IP then put the airline into the compound away from the public and dressed his injury before being taken to hospital.

Lessons for the Group

To avoid re-occurrence of this incident a line should be attached to the end of the hose to allow a more stable method for lifting the airline in and out of the excavation. Allowing the operative to stand further back out of the fall zones of the I as the line loses tension between the hedge and compound.

Hard helmets must be worn at all times, even if not in the excavation; where the risk of a fall from height is minimal.

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