

NLTI as result of fallen fencing

What Happened?

An MGJV supervisor was contacted out of hours on a weekend as a result of HERAS fence panels being blown over in the wind and obstructing traffic. The supervisor tried to ring the contractor responsible for these works but could not get in touch with anyone. The supervisor attended site and parked his car so as to halt the flow of traffic. As he attempted to lift the HERAS fence panels they came back down on him trapping him under the panels. The supervisor managed to free himself from the panels and drag the panels out of the road.



Lessons for the Group

Protocols should be set up to ensure that contractors are responsible for maintaining their sites and ensuring that a two man team is available for out of hour's assistance.

Cross bracing as a minimum with an adequate supply of sandbags should have been used instead of sporadic "lumps of concrete"

Persons should not attempt to manually handle loads that they can not physically move. In this case as a final option the correct tools should have been available to dismantle the HERAS fence panels using the correct spanner for the brackets

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