

Poor Manual Handling of Access Platforms

What Happened?

A new access platform was being installed to allow safe access and egress into a deep excavation. Materials were being placed to allow completion of scaffold tower.

Full PPE was being worn at time of incident and was generally in good condition.

During the process of placing scaffold tubes and fixing equipment over a crowd control barrier, the IP trapped the middle figure of his left hand between a scaffold tube and the top of the crowd control barrier, causing a cut to the area just above the nail.

Lessons for the Group

Consider the way in which equipment is positioned on site.

Maintain adequate protection to the work area when planning movement of tools and equipment.

Plan the work to allow a safe access route to the work area.

Consider the position of barrier systems in relation to movement of equipment.

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