

## Unstable Stools

### What Happened?

Whilst sitting on a Gelert camping type stool the canvas material split as the IP leaned over to pick up a hand tool, sending him to the floor. In the process he bruised his leg when it came into contact with his toolbox.

### Lessons for the Group

On review of the risk assessments there was not one for sitting at a low level panel, as it was not considered to carry a significant risk. Therefore, the stool was not listed as an item of work equipment. This shows that is vital to consider all aspects of the work in the risk assessment no matter how insignificant it may seem.

*Photograph of the unstable stool broken*



*Photographs of recommended equipment*



### Actions Taken

Stools of the type shown in the first photograph have been removed from site and replaced with a more robust stool as shown in the other photographs.

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