

For issue to Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

# SHE COMMUNICATION

## Contractor RIDDOR Reportable Injury – Fracture to Fibula Bone

### What happened?



A Contract Partner was excavating an area of footpath to allow a new connection to take place. Following good practice, the Contract Partner used plans and CAT scans to locate the presence of buried cables before using a dust suppressed floor saw to cut the tarmac to be removed.

As the works involved removing a section of tarmac, a mini-excavator equipped with a hydraulic pecker attachment was used to break the tarmac into manageable pieces.

During the operation, a large section of tarmac was dislodged by the pecker, striking the leg of the Banksman who was in the immediate vicinity of the machine. As the Banksman was in some pain, he attended the local A&E Department where it was confirmed that he had a fracture to his left Fibula bone and was placed in a cast.



### Action Required:

- Consider how Plant and People interface on site - As part of your Risk Assessment and Method Statement, identify the areas where plant operations are taking place and establish working limits to keep people clear of danger.
- Ensure that all staff and contract partners are aware of any established exclusion zone and maintain it when working near mobile plant / equipment. If no exclusion zone is visible, stay 3 metres from any operating plant.
- If you spot someone in a potentially hazardous position, whether you're the operator of a machine or an onlooker, STOP the work and ask them to move to a safe place.
- When acting as a banksman, ensure your focus is on directing the safe movement of the plant, maintaining good visual contact and communication with the operator you are assisting.

**At Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks – if it's not safe, we don't do it.**

Communication by (✓)	LSG	✓	Notice board	✓	Tool-box talk	✓	Team brief	✓
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