



Four Serious Incidents in 8 days

In the first two weeks of 2018 four serious incidents have occurred resulting in injury and harm to our colleagues. These incidents are currently being investigated with the aim of learning from them to prevent reoccurrence. However, the initial investigations suggest that a loss of situational awareness has been a contributing factor in all of the incidents.

Situational awareness is not only being focussed on the task at hand but also being aware of what is happening around us in terms of where we are, where we are supposed to be, and whether anyone or anything around can impact on our health and safety.

Incident Summary

- **3rd of January – Dumfries & Stranraer District**, a member of staff was injured as a result of a fall when exiting from a HIAB vehicle.
- **3rd of January – Wirral District**, An employee sustained injuries when he lost control of a MEWP he was driving, resulting in the vehicle overturning.
- **10th of January – Mid Wales & Dee Valley District**, An arborist contractor sustained a broken leg when his foot was caught in a hole at the base of a tree.
- **10th of January – Ayrshire and Clyde South District**, a SPEN field operative incurred injuries whilst working on a cable head at a customers property.



Recommendations and action points

Focus on what you are doing – but be conscious of your surroundings as well as the task at hand;

If something is not right take immediate corrective action;

If it's not safe stop and seek advice or help



We think
before we act
- assess and
control the risks