



Lost Time Non Reportable Incident - Kypemuir Substation

What happened?

During electrical installation work a subcontractor supervisor was injured when his foot was contacted by the wheel of a scissor lift.

The scissor lift was being moved slowly into its working position when the IP noticed a jacket had fallen on the floor and went to move it from the path of the scissor lift.

The operator of the scissor lift was looking up to check his position in relation to the area he wanted to work on.

Why Did This Happen?

Failure to follow Method Statement, Lack of Communication/Attention:

The method statement for the activity identified that exclusion zones would be set up when working at height but barriers were not being used to define the work area.

The IP did not alert the operator of the scissor lift that he was moving close to the equipment

The operator of the scissor lift was looking up to check his position in relation to the work area and not his direction of travel.



What Can We Do to Stop This from Happening Again?

Follow Safe Systems of Work:

When carrying out activities on site it is essential that the method statement is followed and the controls from the risk assessment are implemented at all times. If it is not possible to do this then work should be stopped until the method statement or risk assessment can be reviewed and modified to allow the work to progress in a safe manner.

Vehicle/Plant Movements:

When working close to moving plant or vehicles it is essential that everyone is aware of when movement is going to occur, either of vehicles or people. If there are any pedestrians in the location of vehicle movements then a vehicle marshal must be available to control vehicle movements.

Any person moving towards a vehicle should get the attention of the operator prior to moving close to the vehicle and must get the permission of the operator to approach the vehicle.

Recommendations and action points

Follow the Setting to Work Procedure: Method Statement / Risk Assessment, Daily Coordination Meeting, Daily Briefing, Dynamic Risk Assessment Monitoring, Stop Work Authority, we need to plan to get it right every time and if we are in doubt, stop and re-assess. Each one of us is empowered to make a decision.