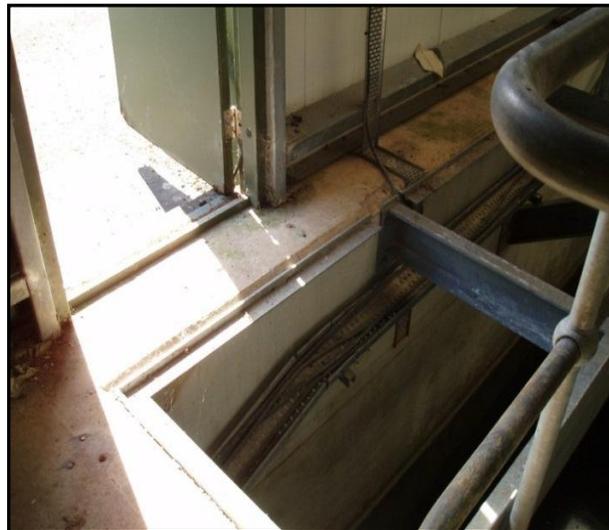


Site Flooring Removed

This Safety Express was sent to ScottishPower from Scottish Water it highlights hazards relating to unauthorised removal of flooring at one of their redundant assets.

Scottish Water staff working as part of the Redundant Asset Group discovered that two steel 1.5m x 1m sections of internal flooring had been removed from just inside the access door, exposing those accessing the site to a 5m fall into a concrete tank. Further investigation identified that a number of other sections of flooring had been removed throughout the site all without authorisation, by persons unknown. As a result, a number of serious fall from height hazards were created.

Arrangements were then made to cover all openings with strong wooden sheeting suitably secured.



Recommendations and action points

If you are required to attend an unoccupied or redundant site **be aware** that conditions may not be as those found on occupied operational sites. Third parties, including intruders, may have damaged or removed items leaving unsafe conditions. Therefore:

- On arrival, complete a dynamic risk assessment including the general environment and site conditions. Remember there may be limited lighting in buildings
- Look for signs of security breaches and intrusion.
- When entering any building, continually assess and look out for hazards.
- Wear appropriate PPE as identified by the risk assessment
- Follow Lone Working protocols where necessary.