



LTA : Linesman sustains ankle injury

As a linesman stepped onto the ground from the cab of a Unimog truck, he turned his ankle resulting in him suffering a chipped bone along with ligament damage.

The ground at the time of the incident was baked hard due to the hot weather and was covered with a flat and level carpet of grass.



First aid was administered to the injured person on site before he was taken to the local A&E department.

At the time of the incident the linesman was wearing his required PPE including boots which were correctly tied. The risk assessment did not identify any necessary additional control measures.

Recently there have also been other tripping incidents within the business, which could have resulted in more serious injuries;

- **Cambuslang:** a member of staff injured his head when he tripped whilst walking down stairs.
- **Mid Cheshire Zone:** whilst walking across a field a linesman slipped on the edge of a deep ditch and sprained his ankle.
- **Ayrshire Zone:** a jointer received a cut to his hand when he slipped / tripped and fell onto a knife.

Further Advice:

- Wear appropriate approved footwear, ensuring that they are laced or fastened up correctly.
- Where available, always use handholds and steps when ascending / descending any vehicle.
- Where available, always hold handrails when using stairs.
- Ensure all work areas are clear of tripping hazards.
- Take extra care when walking across uneven ground.

For Energy Networks Staff:

Further information can be found in the [Health, Safety and Environmental Handbook](#)