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HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

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SP ENERGY NETWORKS

Significant rise in Slips, Trips & Falls

In recent weeks we have seen an alarming number of slips, trips and falls within Energy Networks.

Three incidents have been serious enough to have led to lost time.

Most incidents occurred whilst entering or exiting a vehicle.

Exiting Vehicle risk

Loose laces create tripping hazard

Whilst employees START risk assessments routinely state “slips, trips and falls” they rarely point out what the exact nature of the hazard or what control measures are in place.

Protective footwear is an additional concern with examples of worn and muddy boots offering little or no grip and incidents resulting from laces not being properly tied. PPE is provided for your safety and there is a legal responsibility to wear it in the correct manner.

Regular inspection of PPE should be undertaken and a request submitted for replacement where necessary.

Boot with almost no tread and covered in mud which caused driver to slip whilst alighting lorry

Recommendations and action points

- When completing your START risk assessment, review route to and from workplace and highlight actual hazards which may cause a slip or trip (stating the control measure).
- Check boots are in good condition, with particular attention to the treads (free from build up of mud). Wear your footwear correctly (tie the laces).
- Consider how you enter/alight your vehicle, maintaining three points of contact until you are firmly on the ground. Check the steps for condition of tread