

Rolled ankle whilst stepping off tower footing

WHAT HAPPENED?

On Monday 2nd March 2015, a tower painter climbed down the C leg of a tower, onto the concrete footing and placed his left foot onto the grass below him. It was approx 500ml depth from the top of concrete pad to ground level. Employee rolled his ankle causing a soft tissue injury (sprain).

Concrete footing where employee stepped off



Unven surface hidden in long grass where employee landed



IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

- Work activity stopped to discuss incident
- Employee was taken to hospital for an assessment

ROOT CAUSE

- Failure to identify the hazard (uneven surface)

LEARNINGS

When reviewing uneven surfaces in the daily tail gate meeting, employees need to physically view and assess the work site surroundings prior to starting work each day