

Significant Safety & Health Incident Alert



Worker exposed to fall from height

Division	Infrastructure		
Date	24/01/2013		
Site	ILC Enfield	Business Unit	Eastern Infrastructure
Energy type	Gravitational	(Potential) Damage	PC1
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Incident Details

In order to gain access to a section of the footpath to enable concrete curing, a BKH worker walked on an elevated hob reinforcement adjacent to the handrail (refer to photograph 1), this act exposed the worker to a risk of a fall from height of approx 4m as the effective height of the handrail was reduced to 600-650mm (refer to photograph 2).

WEXDEK FORMWORK PTYLTD (Trading as BKH) was engaged by the project to undertake concrete works on site. The incident occurred during a deck pour on the northern side of the ramp. When the concrete placement was finished, curing of the main carriage way was undertaken by hand lance off a previously poured section of concrete. However the curing lance was not long enough to reach across the freshly poured concrete to the foot path area on the north side of the ramp (the foot path is on the edge of the ramp adjacent to a temporary handrail system).

The incident was spotted by the Project Manager and General Superintendent during an inspection on site and stopped by the Site Engineer at that location.



Photograph 1

Photograph 2

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Alert follow up



Reminder

This incident is currently being investigated. Project Managers are reminded of the importance of the following controls:

- Ensuring that effective planning of activities is conducted considering all potential hazards.
- Providing suitable equipment that enables tasks to be conducted safely and productively.
- Supervision must be diligent in ensuring workforce members conduct work safely and comply with the requirements of their SWMS and pre starts.
- Where a risk of fall from heights is identified, put in place, where possible, physical barriers to control the risk.
- Site inspections and task observations must always identify the potential impact to others presented by a task being performed

Relevant Construction Safety Essentials:

- Working at Height

This incident alert is to be placed on all safety notice boards and discussed at safety communication forums.

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To: All Project Managers

Please analyse the attached report and answer the following questions:

1. Could this incident occur within your area of responsibility at your project?

Yes No

If yes, what control measures do we currently have that would eliminate the potential for an occurrence of this type (or similar) on your project?

If no, please note the reasons, sign, date and return the form to your Business Unit Safety Manager.

2. Are these control measures sufficient to prevent or *mitigate the risk* of an incident of this type (or similar) described in the Significant Incident Report (attached)

Yes No

If yes, please sign, date and return to your Business Unit Safety Manager.

Project Manager name

**Project name
Business Unit**

Signature _____

Date

If no to above, please raise an incident report listing the required actions and accountabilities; note the incident report number below and return these forms to your Business Unit Safety Manager.

Incident report no

Date

Signature _____

Date

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