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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Staff injury at Poupart's Bridge

This bulletin is for the attention of:

All staff whose work activity involves planning or undertaking lifting/loading activities.

Background

A member of staff has recently sustained serious leg injuries whilst off-loading sections of a new steel bridge from an engineering train. The accident occurred when the 5 ton load became unstable and came into contact with the individual. An investigation into this accident has commenced.



Load moved from upright position



Contact point with Injured Person

Action

Whilst the cause of this event is not yet known; as a minimum all staff are reminded that safe lifting depends on three key elements, which require that the operation must be:

- **Properly planned by a competent person (follow the lifting plan);**
- **Appropriately supervised (by a competent 'crane supervisor'); and**
- **Carried out in a safe manner.**

Additionally, all loads should be adequately secured to prevent any unplanned movement or collapse either in transit or storage

If you have any safety concerns, work should be stopped immediately and reported.

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