

EVENT LEARNING

Safety & Sustainable Development

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Incident Date / Time: 9th December 2013 / 1100
Location: Bridge of Orchy
Works Taking Place / Incident Type: Refurbishment of Bridge / Injury accident
Issued By: SNE Safety & Sustainable Development Department
Project Name / Number: Barravourich Viaduct / 117208
For the attention of: All Scotland and North East

Description of incident

The injured person was stepping out of the site canteen on to the cabin step when he slipped and twisted his right ankle.

CAUSES

The following was identified as the cause of the injured person's injury.

1. The step was not fit for use with the cabin and not fit for purpose.



The reader is required to take action where appropriate to implement the following;

One of the basic duties within the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 is to provide and maintain safe access to and egress from any place of work. This includes footpaths, corridors, doorways, ladders, steps etc.

- Discuss this event and unacceptable arrangement with your Principal Contractors
- Review your site arrangements and confirm that there are appropriately constructed or modular manufactured steps for access and egress to site cabins. Modular steps can be hired from as little £2.50 per week.
- During your next inspection or site visit be aware of arrangements for access; including steps, walking routes and lighting.

The Workplace Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 require floors and traffic routes, which may provide a means of access and egress, to be suitably constructed, kept free from obstruction and to be well maintained.

Safe access and egress is a basic safety measure for any site.