

EVENT LEARNING

Safety & Sustainable Development

No.022

Incident Date / Time: 4th March 2015 / 14.21
Location: Platform Access Ramp, Apperley Bridge
Works Taking Place / Incident Type: Surveying Tasks / 7day + RIDDOR
Issued By: Safety & Sustainable Development Team
Project Name / Number: Kirkstall & Apperley Bri. Stns / 100319
For the attention of: All Scotland and North East

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

An apprentice was injured while assisting a Site Engineer with survey works on new platform ramp excavations. After standing beside the Site Engineer whilst a new level was marked up, he proceeded toward the next survey point. The surface broke away from a stepped section the apprentice was standing on (approx. 400mm height) and his knee dislocated as he fell to the ground.

CAUSES

- The Principal Contractor failed to risk assess and plan appropriately for Site Engineers accessing the ramp.
- Site management failed to raise concerns when significant debris was present at the area being surveyed.
- Behaviours were driven by a misguided perception that the underfoot conditions were the best that could be achieved in the circumstances.



In your role, consider the following to mitigate risk and prevent recurrence:

- Are there tasks on your projects where working conditions change?
- *Can you really say for sure that WPPs reflect the working conditions on your projects?*
 - Answer?
- How will you know? What will you see?
- What behaviours facilitate the management of risk?

Everyone Home Safe Every Day

At the IP SNE Conference January 2015, some actors showed us that our behaviour and related actions can result in a hazard becoming "just the way things are". This event learning provides us with the opportunity to consider how we think about risk, how it affects our behaviour, how it affects the way we plan our work and what can happen as a result. In this case a young man in his teens, starting out on his career, was injured.

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- How can we be sure that planning manages immediate and emerging risk on our projects?
- How can we be confident that risk is recognised and reported on site?
- How can we role model behaviours that will maintain our own safety while keeping others, especially those in the learning stages of our business, safe and well.

What will your team be thinking about and doing?