

Safety Bulletin

A serious incident has taken place



Trolley operator receives broken arm

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Location: Culham Station, Western Route

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Overview

Two members of staff were pushing a trolley of catch pit rings to site from the access point at Culham station.

One worker pressed the spring-loaded lever to release the trolley brakes and the other team member started to push the trolley.

The brake handle then gave way when a weld on the brake lever failed which resulted in the first worker falling heavily and banging their arm on the trolley.

The individual continued to work but after a while the pain increased and he was taken to hospital by the team leader.

The hospital confirmed a hairline fracture in the forearm and some bruising. The accident was reported as a RIDDOR specified injury.

The trolley was quarantined and is awaiting the report from the equipment supplier as to the cause of the equipment failure.

Discussion Points

While we are investigating the incident please discuss the following with your team.

- How do you check the plant and equipment that you are going to use is fit for purpose and used as intended?
- If a fault or issue is found with plant or equipment that is to be used, how would you report it?
- What actions would you carry out to prevent any further use of any defective plant or equipment?

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