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Environment, Health & Safety Alert

Accidents – Lessons Learnt

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We have had several accidents over the last few weeks:

- One of our Site Managers fractured a bone in his wrist while placing a wooden pallet in a skip. It got caught between the underside of the pallet and lip of the container.
- An electrician was lucky to only receive bruising when the platform of his mobile tower fell onto his hand while the tower was being moved to another location. The platform level had been altered before they wheeled it to a new location. The “hooks” on one side of the platform had not been fully engaged and when the wheels struck a kerb it fell onto his hand. In both cases the wearing of gloves prevented a more serious injury.
- A burst pipe over the weekend caused a water leak underneath a toilet block which turned to ice. Walking into the site compound on Monday morning a contractor slipped and fell onto his wrist. Fortunately he only sustained minor bruising.



- **Every day / low risk tasks present their own problems. It's easy to lose concentration. Keep focused and always wear your PPE.**
- **Keep site compounds and walkways clear and gritted when there is a risk of freezing.**
- **Work places and especially those at height should be frost free e.g. scaffolds, tower platforms, MEWP baskets. Try to cover with hessian overnight.**
- **Toolbox talks need to stress the importance of good grip footwear & access lighting.**
- **ABOVE ALL – IF YOU THINK AN AREA IS UNSAFE – STOP WORK AND SPEAK WITH YOUR SUPERVISOR OR GA PROJECT MANAGER.**