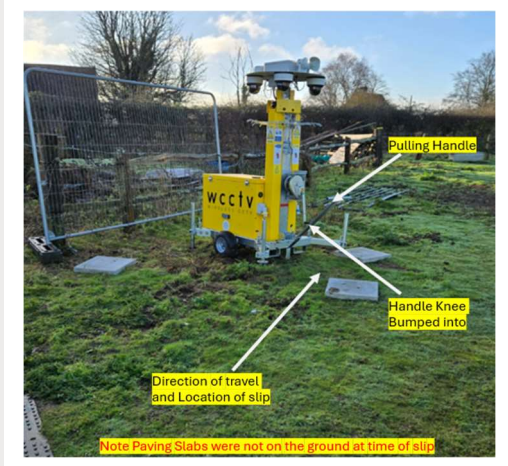


STOPThink! Leg Injury Accident



CCTV Installed on site

What happened?

During project site set-up a CCTV engineer was manoeuvring a mobile CCTV tower into position. The tower was mounted on wheels and was being pulled. In doing so, the engineer slipped backwards and injured their leg on the handle they were pulling. The tower was being moved from a temporary roadway onto a grassed area.

First Aid was administered on-site, and the individual was taken to A&E for further evaluation. He was provided with a knee brace and referred to his local hospital for additional care.

Impacts

- Due to the nature of the injury, the engineer could not return to normal duties the next day.
- The injury has since been diagnosed as a ruptured quad muscle.

Please remember the following points

1. Assess the environment ahead of works taking place, checking the surface conditions and ground is levelled and free from obstacles.
2. All work areas should have suitable ground conditions, including those areas which may only be utilised infrequently during a project, like set-up, demobilisation or maintenance activities.
3. Assess and document any on-shift changes from the original plan in the point of work risk assessment.
4. When manoeuvring bulky or heavy equipment, a manual handling assessment should be undertaken, identifying the correct method and number of people to undertake the operation.
5. Ensure peripheral works like deliveries, temporary installations or related aspects of a project, receive the same level of attention to detail as the main project itself.

