

## INCIDENT ALERT

**LOCATION:** Quarry  
**ACTIVITY:** Access & Egress & Working at Height  
**SUB ACTIVITY:** N/A

**ALERT STATUS:** Normal  
**DATE ISSUED:** 11/07/08  
**INCIDENT No:** 00180

### TITLE

Fall From Height

### ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

On 15th April 2008 at Weeford Quarry a contractor working on the erection of a new sand plant fell through a gap in the walkway as pictured. The contractor had been wearing a harness, however was not clipped on. The contractor was waiting to receive a piece of equipment which was being craned into position.

•• The panel of enquiry has determined the following:

The root cause is the decision to leave the gap.

Failing to rope of the gap in the walkway before allowing general access to the landing.

The operative failed to follow the SWP for working at height, did not clip off his harness (was wearing a harness at the time of the accident).

Deviation from the construction method statement without reviewing the implications for safety.

### ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES



### LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

AN INCIDENT SIMILAR TO THIS RESULTED IN A FATALITY AT A COMPETITORS QUARRY LAST YEAR. Before allowing general access into any area it is essential that all walkways are complete and secure. If this is not the case the area should be cordoned off and access denied until complete and safe.

### LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES