

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: Quarry
ACTIVITY: Maintenance & Housekeeping
SUB ACTIVITY: N/A

ALERT STATUS: Normal
DATE ISSUED: 11/03/10
INCIDENT No: 00257

TITLE

Quarry Contractor Slips on Ice

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

During the recent severe weather a contract excavator operator was tasked with clearing a quarry access road of snow and ice.

To reach his excavator he had to cross an area of rough ground which was covered in compacted snow and ice. After taking a few paces he slipped and started to fall over.

With his right foot firmly embedded in the ice his momentum caused him to spin around, this twisting motion resulted in a serious fracture to his right ankle.

(see additional pdf document for further details)

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

The existing Systems and Procedures to manage site operations in extreme weather were not suitably detailed.

The existing Managers Rules did not clearly instruct staff and contractors to follow designated pedestrian routes and not to walk over rough ground when it is covered in snow and ice.

The Contractors ongoing training (including Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, Avoiding Slips Trips and Falls and Worksafe) had all been delivered in one single training session

Although the Contractor had received full induction training: he did not use the Worksafe system

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES