

Safety Advice

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The Crossrail Programme

Serious Eye Injury

As a result of an ongoing investigation the following safety information has been identified that requires immediate communication.

Details:

- Whilst unloading a vehicle inside Stockley depot on Tuesday 30th December, a porcelain insulator pot rolled from the flatbed falling to the ground and subsequently shattered. Fragments flew up and a shard went into the eye of a trainee OLE Lineman standing nearby.
- He was taken to hospital by ambulance and later transferred to a specialist eye unit where he received emergency surgery. Sadly, he has permanently lost the sight in his left eye.
- It is believed that Safety Glasses were being worn at the time of the accident.
- A full investigation is ongoing by the Principal Contractor.



Advice Given:

- All activities must be properly planned, managed and documented.
- Ensure all tasks have been suitably risk assessed and **task specific PPE** is being worn.
- A Task Briefing Sheet (TBS) must cover the actual task being undertaken with specific risks and mitigations.
- Adequate levels of supervision must be maintained at all times.
- Good housekeeping and material storage must be maintained at all times.
- Waste management plans must be in place with the necessary contingency arrangements to ensure there is a sufficient quantity of skips available.
- The risks associated with the handling of insulator pots must be considered.