

Shwace Alert Safety, Health, Wellbeing, Assurance, Compliance & Environment Alert

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A team had been carrying out excavation and backfilling works on the A413 as part of utility diversion works. During the tidy-up operation the excavator operator repositioned the machine and the ground anchor blade struck the Injured Person's (IP) foot.

What we know

The incident occurred towards the end of the night shift (first of 4 nights) as the team were preparing to hand back the highway.

A restriction zone was in place.

The IP entered the plant 'red zone'.

Task lighting was in place.

Actions taken

Works were stopped immediately, and 999 and EKFB's Security Operations Centre were called.

An ambulance and FPOS (First Person on Scene) arrived at the scene and assessed the IP. The IP was then taken to hospital via ambulance.

The highway was cleaned and handed back late.

NC2A - A413 (Hornbeam Cottage BfH) #044

What you can do

- Always follow the Safe System of Work.
- Never enter a red zone until a machine has been made safe. Remain in the yellow zone until you have received two thumbs up from the operator.
- Maintain good communication between all members of the work group at all times.
- Familiarise your teams with the Safe Plant Operation and The Safe Approach handbooks.



Restricted zone Machine operator's line of sight Safe approach angle Red Zone – Entry prohibited unless the machine is completely isolated, and a safe system is in place. Naking





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