


# RIDDOR incident: Fractured fibula (slip injury)

<b>To</b>	All staff – Wholesale Water, Wholesale Wastewater, Engineering and Construction	<b>Date</b>	August 2021
<b>From</b>	HSSW Team	<b>Recommended circulation</b>	All operational staff and supply partners

Incident	Images
<p>While accessing a wash-water hose, an employee sustained a fractured fibula (leg bone) as a result of slipping on wet and uneven ground. Over a third of all major injuries reported each year are caused as a result of a slip or trip (the single most common cause of injuries at work). Employees are reminded to always use designated pathways and to ensure that all work equipment is stored safely after use.</p>	
Immediate actions	Additional sources of information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use access paths where provided. Do not walk onto any wet grass – especially on inclined areas. Conduct personal risk assessments routinely.</li> <li>• Ensure hose pipes are always left accessible, but stored safely to prevent trip hazards.</li> <li>• Report any access and egress issues – particularly where footpaths are not sufficient or where footpaths are in poor condition. Don't take short cuts.</li> <li>• Report all hazards and near misses on 0800 027 0886</li> </ul>	<p>Safety instruction 555: Personal risk assessment</p> <p>Safety instruction 602: Good housekeeping</p> <p>HSE guidance STF: <a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg225.pdf">https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg225.pdf</a></p> <p>Contact your HSSW Advisor if you have any concerns regarding access or egress</p>

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### See it, sort it, report it

Report all hazards and near misses via  
0800 027 0886



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