


# Safety Alert!

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For Anglian Water employees, partners and contractors



## Inlet Pump Toppled over onto Technician

### What happened

A serious accident has occurred on a Water Recycling Site where a pump (approx 2mtrs in height and 2.5t) has fallen over onto a Maintenance Technician. The pump was delivered to site in an upright position within a wooden palletised crate for installation into the inlet approximately 2 weeks prior to the incident. The delivery location was on a concrete base, but it had a slight gradient sloping down. The teams arrived on site and commenced setting up for the works to be carried out, The Injured Party (IP) went over to inspect the new pump and whilst at the location the pump toppled over onto the IP.

The IP sustained serious injuries to their leg and arm. They were taken to hospital by the emergency services however they are in stable condition. A full investigation is being carried out and further information will be shared once the investigation has been completed.

*Please note no lifting operations were being undertaken at the time, The lifting strops in the photo were used to free the IP.*

### Reminder

- Check items on delivery, ensuring the condition of the packaging is secure, clean, tidy and equipment is offloaded onto level and clear areas
- Ensure that any equipment with a "top heavy" load is secured in place with suitable fixings e.g. Bolted down, Straps, Bracing fixings
- If you have any pumps on site check they are secured and at no risk of them toppling over
- If any works/inspection of equipment is required to be carried out ensure that it is secured in place with no risk of the equipment moving falling
- Use of safe platforms/ladders to access high points of equipment must be used
- Ensure that risk assessments are in place, briefed and worked to
- Always report issues and near misses immediately

Safety Alerts should not be thought of as an incident investigation report. They are issued to raise awareness of incidents that occur and to highlight the safe work practices required to avoid them being repeated