

HSE Bulletin (Ref.:21 in 2013)

Injury from Broken Conductor Rail Pot

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Background

An Engineer working on the Upminster Depot Upgrade recently sustained an injury to his right wrist with six tendons severed and had to be rushed to A&E. The injury occurred when his wrist came into contact with a broken ceramic conductor rail pot on a loaded pallet which the Engineer was attempting to move in order to reach a drainage cover beneath.



Instruction

Persons working on or about the track should be mindful of the potential for injury from broken ceramic conductor rail pots while manual handling or working in close proximity to them.

Pre-work checks of track locations must include a check for the presence of broken ceramic pots. Where broken or damaged ceramic rail pots are found on site, arrangements are to be made for the immediate safe storage, temporary quarantine and / or disposal. Appropriate hand protection must be worn during handling. Do not walk by!

Please communicate this alert to your teams, projects and suppliers as appropriate

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