

Type of Incident

Trip

Summary of Incident

An associate was carrying out his normal welding duties on an impeller. As he turned around to retrieve another welding rod, he tripped over cabling which was lying on the ground, and struck his elbow against a working platform. The following day the associate was taken to hospital for an X-Ray, which identified an elbow fracture.

Critical Factors

- Failure to maintain a safe working environment for associates working in this area
- Workshop layout was very poor, including the location of power source and cabling
- Inadequate supervision and inspection – Front line supervisors should be reinforcing good housekeeping practices throughout the site

Corrective Actions

- Risk Assessment and Safe Work Procedure to be reviewed and amended as required
- Conduct a review of the workbay layout and develop an action plan to improve the safety of associates working in this area. The review should consider the location of the power source and the routing of cabling

Photo(s)



Platform which associate struck his elbow against

Cabling where associate tripped