

Initial Event Brief

Learning & Improvement | Hinkley Point C

Scaffolder Fall from Height of Approximately 5m (HPE)

Event Date: 04 March 2022

SELMA: SAEI-092033

Event location: Hinkley Point C

During the nightshift of the 3rd March 2022, a member of the Tier 1 scaffolding team was striking Mills Falsework (Tourechaf System) on the south elevation of the HM building of the Conventional Island and fell approximately 5m.

During the planned striking of the Temporary Works Falsework (Tourechaf System) used to support the TG Table Concrete pour in Conventional Island Unit 1, a member of the Tier 1 Contractors scaffolding team was working to remove a section on the south elevation of the structure when through reasons currently under investigation fell approximately 5m to ground.

As a result of the fall, the Injured Person (IP) sustained cuts and bruises. The IP was able to walk and communicate with team members and site emergency services. The injured person attended the Minor Injuries Unit and has been discharged without follow-up requirements.

What's happening next?

- The striking of the falsework was immediately stopped and access to the area prohibited in order to facilitate the investigation.
- An immediate review of the area to identify any areas that present similar risks.
- The NNB Serious Incident Event Review (SIER) process has been initiated and a Level 1 Investigation has commenced.

Recommended immediate actions

- Ensure that a risk assessment for all work at height activities is undertaken by a competent person.
- Ensure that when undertaking work at height activities that its supervised by a competent person who has experience in the activity being undertaken.
- In the absence of collective edge protection, ensure the correct fall restraint / arrest equipment is identified, recorded in the safe system of work and provided to the individuals undertaking the task.
- All individuals are reminded to follow the accepted safe system of work. If this is not possible **STOP WORK** and consult your Supervisor / Line Manager. Always Implement the principals of STAR.

