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# Work related injury Devon Highways



Incident notification	Alert	Information	Toolbox Talk
Date and time of incident:	06/09/22   15:54	Injury severity:	Major/specified
IN Author:	Christian Booth	Potential severity:	Major
HS&W Lead:	Richard Hemingway	Investigation required:	Full
Trade/company involved:	Milestone / Devon	Operational Disturbance:	Step on/strike against object

## What Happened?

An appointed sub-contractor Tree Surgeon was called out by contract to remove fallen branch from road. He was cutting from the road using a long chainsaw on a pole. Once the road was cleared of leaves and branches, the sub-contractor proceeded to move up the embankment to continue cutting the branch. He then moved around the tree to enable him to finish the cut. The branch then fell and hit the sub-contractor causing an open leg fracture and causing the sub-contractor to fall down the embankment on the road.



## Immediate Actions Taken by Project/Contract:

Due to the IP sustaining an open fracture to his left leg Devon and Cornwall air ambulance was dispatched to transport to IP to hospital. Contract Initiated a full investigation. Area made safe by Subcontracting company.



## Immediate Actions Required by Other Projects/Contracts:

Ensure tree surgery activities are conducted to a safe system of work and location of work risk assessment (LOWRA) completed before work commences.

## Discussion points for related sites:

Items to review before work commencing

- Recent weather and effect on conditions under foot.
- Are Safe systems of work for high-risk activities adequate.
- Are operatives confident to stop work if they feel it is unsafe to continue.
- Does vegetation hinder your view to assess the ground below.

Action Required:

☒ Brief

☐ Display

☐ Information Only