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INTERNAL SAFETY ALERT

Ringway Hounslow Highways Slip, Trip, Fall – Multiple injuries

DATE 12 October 2021
TIME 09:40hrs
LOCATION Church Road, Cranford
DIVISION Ringway Hounslow Highways

The injured person is an experienced grab lorry driver for Ringway Hounslow Highways. On the 12th of October he was tasked to clear a large deposit of fly tipped waste from a narrow, secluded road in Cranford. The driver pulled up adjacent to the fly tipped items and began loading the waste onto the vehicle with his bucket.

Part way through the procedure a member of the public tried to get past the lorry but could not. The driver came down from the bed of the lorry to move his vehicle and in doing so caught his leg on a plank of wood amongst the fly tipped waste.

The preceding fall resulted in several impact injuries and cuts with one cut caused by a nail protruding from the plank of wood. The injured person also received a bruise to his head and commented that his hard hat has saved him from a more serious injury.

After returning to the depot to receive first aid and a clean-up, he was taken home but later attended hospital as the nail injury would not heal.

The combined injuries have resulted in an over 7-day RIDDOR reportable incident which has been notified to the HSE.



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